

Love at long last:
Nicole Kidman and
Hugh Jackman in
the film *Australia*

A second chance in *Australia*

Ein australisches Filmepos: In Baz Luhrmanns neuem Kinowerk werden Nicole Kidman und Hugh Jackman vom Winde verweht. Wie das Projekt entstand, worum es darin geht, und wie "La Kidman" über ihre Karriere denkt, berichtet CLAUDINE WEBER-HOF. [medium](#) [plus](#) [www](#)

Tall, beautiful and intelligent, Nicole Kidman has been a film icon for 20 years. She's been an Australian icon all her life. Now, after some personal ups and downs, the 41-year-old Oscar-winning actress is at the top of her game. Her own life story and the story told in her latest film show that second chances don't happen only in the movies.

Kidman's latest role is in *Australia*, an epic that takes place in the 1930s. She plays Lady Sarah Ashley, an English aristocrat who travels to Australia to confront her husband about an affair. But when she arrives, nothing is as she expects. Suddenly, she finds herself the owner of an estate called Faraway Downs, with lands as large as Belgium. The estate has money troubles, however, and she must turn to a cowboy called "The Drover" (Hugh Jackman) for help.

The handsome Drover is pretty much the best thing Lady Sarah has ever seen, even if it does take her a while to get past their class differences. In time, she sees the man beneath the dusty work clothes. The love scenes alone make the movie well worth the price of the ticket, although for Jackman, they presented a dilemma.

"Nicole and I, funnily enough, have been friends for a long time, which can sometimes make things a little bit

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