

Avatar smashes records

Science-fiction epic *Avatar* has grossed \$1 billion in worldwide ticket sales in just 17 days, making James Cameron the only film-maker to direct two billion-dollar movies



	Director	Worldwide gross
<i>Titanic</i>	James Cameron	\$1.80bn
<i>The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King</i>	Peter Jackson	\$1.13bn
<i>Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest</i>	Gore Verbinski	\$1.06bn
<i>Avatar</i>	James Cameron	\$1.02bn
<i>The Dark Knight</i>	Christopher Nolan	\$1.00bn