

THE FILM

The Adventures of Tintin was one of the most exciting films of 2011. But the character Tintin started long before this ...

From comic book ...

Belgian writer and artist, Hergé (1907-1983), created the comic book stories about Tintin. The first Tintin story was in a newspaper in 1929. Ideas for the film came from three of Hergé's books: *The Secret of the Unicorn*, *Red Rackham's Treasure* and *The Crab with the Golden Claws*.



... to film!

The film *The Adventures of Tintin* was directed by Steven Spielberg. He decided to use special animation called *performance capture* to make his film. In performance capture the stars have to wear special clothes. They are filmed in a big room with 100

cameras! Then computers are used to animate the characters and to create the world of the film.

**What do these words mean?
You can use a dictionary.**

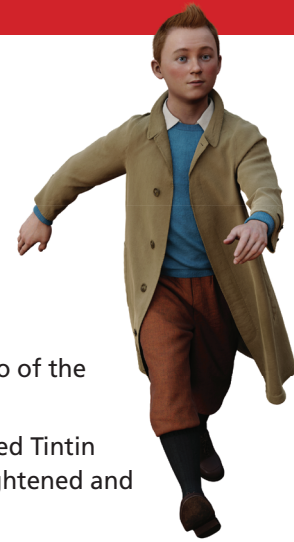
**artist create animate/animation
character hero accent villain**



Jamie Bell and Andy Serkis wearing the special performance capture clothes.

THE STARS

In an animated film you don't always know who the stars are because you only hear them speak. Do you know who was playing the characters in *The Adventures of Tintin*?



Jamie Bell

Who is he in the film? Jamie plays Tintin, the hero of the film.

What does he say about his character? Jamie loved Tintin before playing him in the film. Tintin is never frightened and Jamie likes that.



Andy Serkis

Who is he in the film? Andy plays the sea captain Captain Haddock, who helps Tintin find the clues.

What does he say about his character? Andy was very excited about playing Captain Haddock. He gave the captain a Scottish accent so he was different.

Daniel Craig

Who is he in the film? Daniel usually plays a hero in films, but in *The Adventures of Tintin* he is the villain, Sakharine.

What did he say about his character? Daniel had a lot of fun playing the evil Sakharine. It was something different for him.



Would you like to be a film star? What character would you be in *The Adventures of Tintin*?