

# MATT DAMON

## IS STRANDED IN SPACE, AGAIN



Ridley Scott's "The Martian", an upcoming science-fiction film, is all set to hit theatres on October 2. Fox has pre-poned the release date of "The Martian" by a month after it was earlier slated for November 25 release, reported Deadline. "The Martian", which garnered positive responses, will now have a box office clash with "London Has Fallen", "Adam Jones" and "The Walk".

"The Martian" is based on a best-selling novel by Andy Weir. During a manned mission to Mars, Astronaut Mark Watney is presumed dead after a fierce storm and left behind by his crew. But

Watney has survived and finds himself stranded and alone on the hostile planet. With only meager supplies, he must draw upon his ingenuity, wit and spirit to subsist and find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive. Millions of miles away, NASA and a team of international scientists work tirelessly to bring "the Martian" home, while his crewmates concurrently plot a daring, if not impossible, rescue mission. As these stories of incredible bravery unfold, the world comes together to root for Watney's safe return.

The movie stars Jessica Chastain, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Kristen Wiig in

pivotal roles. To some, "The Martian" might just sound like a sub-plot of "Interstellar": a big budget sci-fi movie where Matt Damon gets stranded in space. We're all very aware of the symmetry. But there's going to be a huge difference between the two sci-fi movies: "The Martian" is going to be heavy on the science fact, and light on the science fiction. Weir, the writer, is a self-described lifetime space nerd, and that becomes obvious just a few pages into "The Martian." The movie adaptation doesn't shy away from the science either.

"The Martian" is a gritty survivalist tale

that follows the story of astronaut Mark Watney after he is stranded on Mars when his crew is forced to leave without him. He's left in a space habitat designed to last for 30 days with no way to contact home. The next crew isn't coming for another four years, but Watney is determined to be alive when they get there. "I'm going to have to science the shit out of this," Watney says in the trailer. Hell yes he is. Watney relies on his science background to tackle each problem of being a lone, stranded human on an inhospitable planet — securing food, oxygen, and transportation.



COMING SOON

# SOUTHPAW

Jake Gyllenhaal packs a hell of a punch!

Coming July 31, 2015, this is the story of tragedy, loss and the painful road to redemption... Billy "The Great" Hope (Gyllenhaal) is the reigning Junior Middleweight Champion whose unorthodox stance, the so-called "Southpaw," consists of an ineloquent, though brutal, display of offensive fighting, one fueled by his own feelings of inadequacy and a desperate need for love, money and fame. With a beautiful family, home and financial security, Billy is on top both in and out of the ring until a tragic accident leaves his wife dead and sends him into a downward spiral. His days now surround an endless haze of alcohol and prescription drugs, his daughter taken by

Child Services and his home repossessed by the bank, Billy's fate is all but sealed until a washed up former boxer named Tick agrees to take the bereaved pugilist under his wing so long as he agrees to his strict ethos. Relentless and utterly committed to a fighter that thinks as much as he throws punches, Tick rebuilds Billy into a new man: one that is agile, fearsome and uncompromising in the ring while thoughtful, loving and disciplined outside of it. Now, as he works to regain custody of his daughter and mounts a professional comeback, Billy must face his demons head-on as he learns that, sometimes, your greatest opponent can be yourself.