

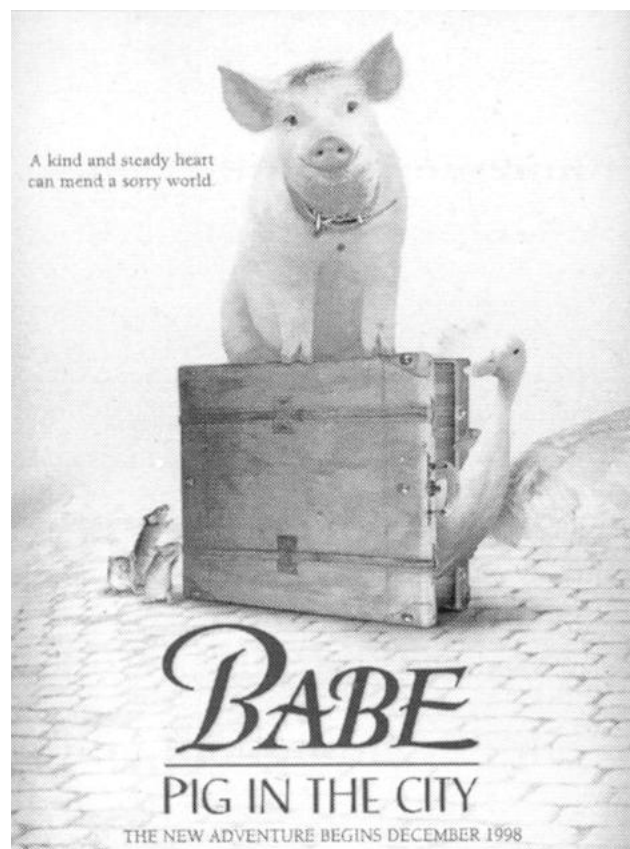
Babe: Pig in the City

Australia / US : 1998 : dir. George Miller : 95 min
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

Magda Szubanski; James Cromwell; Mickey Rooney. Voices of: E.G. Daily; Danny Mann; Glenne Headly; Stephen Wright; Stanley Ralph Ross; Russi Taylor; Roscoe Lee Browne

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“A kind and steady heart can mend a sorry world”



Source: Barbican Screen

Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide
 2001 review:

“Disappointing (and superfluous) sequel puts Babe and everyone around him, human and animal, in almost continual peril, as the pig is taken to America by Mrs Hoggett. Overblown, with unpleasant images unsuitable for the youngest children, but rescued somewhat by the

indomitable Babe, who's as endearing as ever, and those three singing mice, whose choice of material is quite funny. **½ ”

Barbican Screen Film Guide – December 1998
 – review:

“Babe, the gallant pig who dares to be different, returns at last to the screen. When Hoggett farm is threatened by the bank with closure, Babe sets off with Mrs Hoggett to earn some cash by sheep herding, and learns how a kind and steady heart can heal a sorry world. An enchanting moral tale for children of all ages, originally adapted from Dick King-Smith’s popular novel.”

No further information currently available. Let us be thankful they didn’t call it **“BABE II: PIG IN NEW YORK”**. The **“FREE WILLY”** films lent mass market cred to the conservationist lobby seeking to protect endangered whale species, but it will take more than a cutesy film or two to alter our perceptions about the pig as a primary food source, despite some recent research findings which suggest pigs are at least as intelligent as dogs.

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