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Avengers Endgame: The Marvel Cinematic Universe explained

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Marvel sequel Avengers: Endgame hits UK cinemas on 25 April and is widely expected to be **the** biggest release of 2019.

The superlative requires the definite article

The film will be **the** 22nd entry in **the** Marvel Cinematic Universe, which began with 2008's Iron Man.

If you want to watch Endgame, but feel daunted by **the** sheer size of **the** MCU, never fear!

Here's everything you need to know.

What is the Marvel Cinematic Universe?

The Marvel Cinematic Universe - or MCU for short - is **the** shared place where all 22 films featuring **the** comic book characters are set.

Each tells its own distinct story but also connects with other films in the MCU, to tell **an** overarching tale. It's **a** technique Marvel Comics pioneer Stan Lee also used in his comics.

The MCU is **the** most successful film franchise of all time, making more than \$18.2bn (£13.7bn) to date.

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Everlane Just Launched Their Sustainable Sneakers, and They Look So Damn Comfy

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Everlane is a clothing brand known for making incredible, high-quality, and comfy basics. They've got your staple jeans, sweaters, T-shirts, bags—basically anything you need for a solid wardrobe. The only thing that's been missing: sneakers. That is, until today, because Everlane just launched their first sneaker line called Tread by Everlane.

The trendy leather sneakers come in seven different colors, including neutrals like gray, white, and black, along with fun pink and yellow hues. The sneakers are totally unisex, available in men's sizes 7–13 and women's sizes 5–12. What's more, these ring in at a pretty sweet price tag: just \$98 for a pair.

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See the world's oldest trees by starlight

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In one giant sequoia's lifetime multiple generations of humans will be born and die. These enormous trees, native to California, can live for thousands of years. Though that time frame is considerable, writes photographer [Beth Moon](#) in her book, *Ancient Skies, Ancient Trees*, "compared to the age of the stars above, it is not even a blink of an eye."

A self-taught photographer with a fine art background, Moon has been photographing trees for 20 years. She spent much of that time shooting on film and then processing her images using a 19th-century black-and-white method called platinum palladium printing. For more than a decade she photographed trees all over the world from sunrise to sunset.

But then Moon came across a scientific study that suggests a correlation between tree growth and galactic cosmic radiation. "As I thought about it," she says, "it made so much sense; you know the sun is a star anyway—so why wouldn't there be this very strong correlation with starlight at night as well as our sun during the day?"

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