



FUN FACTS:

1. Although Bogart won an Academy Award for the performance, his entire part had to be rewritten after casting. The original screenplay depicted his character in thick Cockney dialect but Bogart was incapable of the accent.

2. Much of the film was shot on location in Uganda and the Congo in Africa. This was rather novel for the time, especially for a technicolor picture which utilized large unwieldy cameras. The cast and crew endured sickness, and spartan living conditions during their time on location. In one scene, Hepburn was playing a piano but had a bucket nearby because she was often sick between takes. Bogart later bragged that he was the only one to escape illness, which he credited to not drinking any water on location, but instead fortifying himself from the large supply of whiskey he had brought along with him.

3. The African Queen was built in Lytham, England in 1912 for service on the Victoria Nile and Lake Albert where the movie was filmed in 1951. She was used by the British East Africa Company from 1912 to 1968 to shuttle passengers and cargo across Lake Albert located on the border between the Belgian Congo and Uganda.

4. Katharine Hepburn described travelling for miles and miles by car, truck and boat in "The Making of The African Queen, or How I Went to Africa with Bogie, Bacall and Huston and Almost Lost My Mind" (1987).

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Release date: December 23, 1951

Directed by John Huston

Produced by Sam Spiegel, John Woolf

Screenplay by John Huston, James Agee

Based on *The African Queen* by C.S.

Forester

Cinematography by Jack Cardiff

Music by Alan Grey

STARRING:

Humphrey Bogart....Charlie Allnut

Katharine Hepburn..Rose Sayer

Robert Morley.....Rev. Samuel Sayer

Peter Bull.....Captain of Louisa

Theodore Bikel.....First Officer

Walter Gotell.....Second Officer

Peter Swanwick....First Officer of Shona

Richard Marner....Second Officer of Shona