

Yesterday, we brought you the news that The Smurfs had tied with Cowboys & Aliens at \$36.2 million a piece at the US box office. This was something of a shocking development as Jon Favreau's latest movie was expected by Universal to open somewhere between \$40 million to \$45 million range, while The Smurfs were expected to debut at a disappointing \$25 million to \$30 million. Well, it's good news for the Iron Man and Iron Man director, as he just managed to beat the movie adaptation of the popular cartoon. But not by much! From Deadline: It's now official. According to today's actuals, DreamWorks/Universal's Cowboys & Aliens narrowly beat Sony Picture's Smurfs for the weekend win \$ \$36,431,290 vs \$35,611,637. Cowboys & Aliens will start rolling out internationally over the next few weeks, so it's far too early to know whether it will rake in a decent profit...with a \$160 million budget

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