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Starring Robert Downey Jr, Mickey Rourke, Sam Rockwell, Gwyneth Paltrow Directed by: Jon Favreau

Six months after he's revealed his secret identity to the world, billionaire Tony Stark aka Iron Man (Downey Jr) is coming under increasing pressure from the US government to turn over the "Iron Man weapon". However, Stark faces a far more immediate threat upon discovering that the Iron Man suit is slowly killing him by poisoning his blood.

If that wasn't bad enough, Stark finds himself the target of the vengeful Russian supervillain Whiplash (Rourke) and his problems only continue to get worse when rival industrialist Justin Hammer (Rockwell) teams up with Whiplash to design weaponised Iron Man-style suits of his own.

As sequels go, Iron Man 2 certainly lives up to the hype and is better than most of the movies based on Marvel characters, although in places it does fail to deliver the thrills of the prequel.

That said, strong performances, decent CGI effects and a frequently witty script still make Iron Man 2 a must-see.

Genre: Action | Adventure | Sci-fi **Age Restriction:** Rated PG-13 for sequences of intense sci-fi action and violence, and some language. **Runtime:** 124 min