



Victoria & Abdul – Review

Judy Dench is Queen Victoria, returning to the role that netted her an Oscar 20 years ago in “Mrs. Brown.” Here she’s in her latter years, nodding off at the dinner table and **sleepwalking** through her royal duties. When Abdul Karim (Ali Fazal), a **clerk** from India, is called to present the Queen with a gift from his home country, he catches her eye. “I thought (he) was terribly **handsome**,” she tells her advisors.

And so begins the most unlikely of friendships, with Abdul opening Victoria’s eyes to new tastes and experiences — **mangoes**, for one — and Victoria enlightening Abdul on the **setbacks** of being Queen. “We are all prisoners, Mr. Karim,” she tells him.



Dench is **luminous** in the role; she’s **tough** and **craggy** and at other times warm and worldly. She understands the power and burden of her **throne**, and Dench brings might to the movie that it doesn’t earn on its own. Elsewhere, it’s predictable and condensed, with Victoria’s advisers predictably flipping out over the friendship (Eddie Izzard, as Bertie, Prince of Wales, is especially cartoonish). Prickly issues of colonization are glossed over in favor of enhancing the narrative of the two friends.



Dench is quite good in “Victoria & Abdul,” the way that Dench is quite good in pretty much everything she does. Without her, the cracks would show in this story about a friendship that crossed age, racial, class and economic boundaries. With her, however, “Victoria & Abdul” is rather **delightful**, even if its edges are dulled to make it as simplistic as possible.

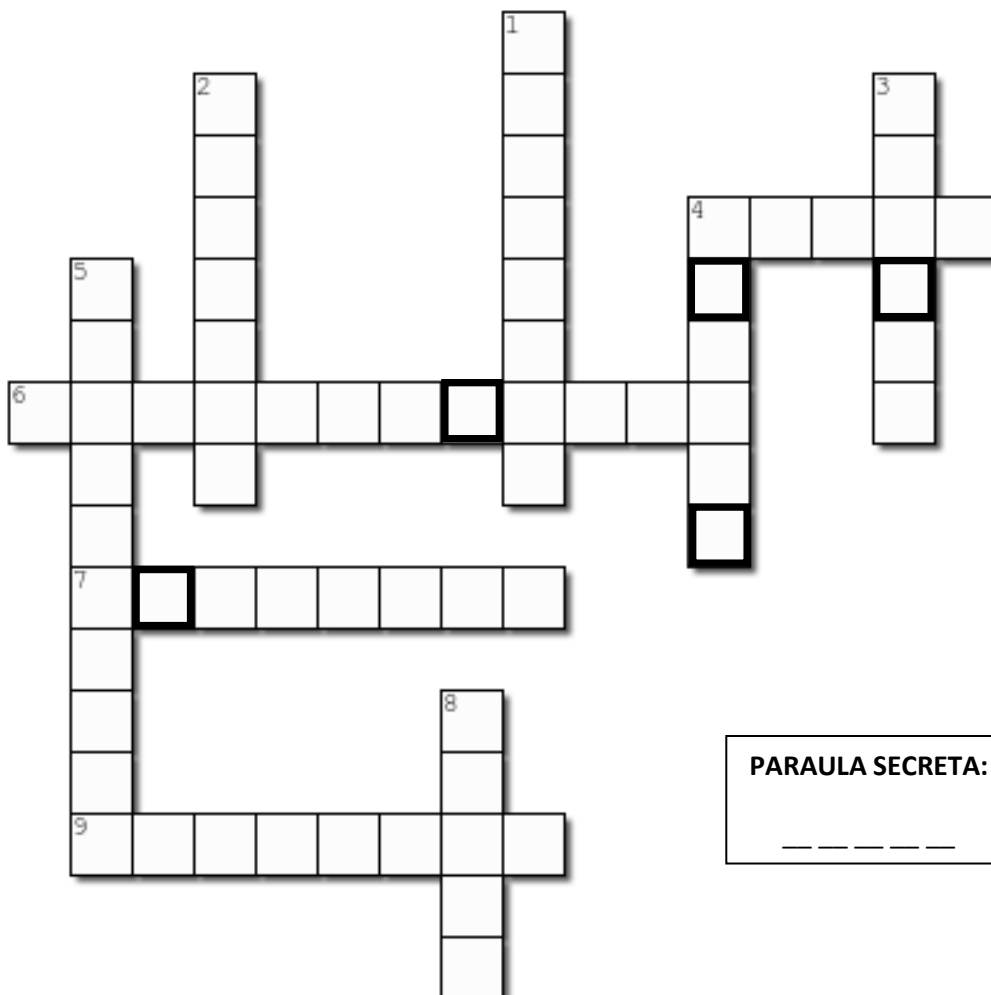
Victoria & Abdul – Crossword

GUANYA 2 ENTRADES GRATUÏTES AMB L'AJUNTAMENT DE SANT CELONI I CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL

1) **Completa els mots** encreuats amb el vocabulari de la crítica.

2) **Reuneix les lletres** de les caselles en negreta i forma la paraula secreta.

3) **Sigues el 1er en publicar la paraula al Facebook** de Cambridge School www.facebook.com/CambridgeSchoolPage i guanyaràs 2 entrades per a una pel·lícula en VO al cinema OCINE de l'Altrium Sant Celoni (a recollir al cinema).



PARAULA SECRETA:

ACROSS

4. someone whose job is to look after the documents in an office, court, etc.
6. the action of walking and sometimes doing things while you are still sleeping
7. attractive
9. very bright (intelligent or beautiful)

DOWN

1. a problem that delays or stops progress or makes a situation worse
2. sweet tropical fruit with green or red skin, yellow flesh inside and a big stone in the middle (plural)
3. the position of being king or queen
4. a face that looks strong with deep lines
5. very pleasant or attractive
8. strong and able to deal with difficult situations



**CAMBRIDGE
SCHOOL**
cambridgeschool.com

Granollers · 93 870 20 01
Cardedeu · 93 844 44 42
La Garriga · 93 861 22 20
Sant Celoni · 93 860 35 13
Mollet del Vallès · 93 579 44 51

Caldes de Montbui · 93 865 05 04
Parets del Vallès · 93 159 76 20
Vilanova del Vallès · 93 845 91 64
La Roca del Vallès · 93 879 91 89
Llinars del Vallès · 93 159 11 60