Kennedy Miller Film

Babe (animated)

Based on the book by Dick King-Smith

James Cromwell as Farmer Hoggett

Magda Szubanski as Mrs Hoggett

Casting by Liz Mullinar Casting & Valerie McCaffrey

Animatronic Characters by Jim Henson's Creature Shop

Sheep Characters by John Cox & Robotechnology

Animation & Visual Effects by Rhythm & Hues

Animal Action by Karl Lewis Miller
Music Composed by
Nigel Westlake

Edited by
Marcus D'Arcy & Jay Friedkin

Production Designer
Roger Ford

Director of Photography
Andrew Lesnie A.C.S.

Additional Unit Director
Daphne Paris

Screenplay by
George Miller & Chris Noonan

Produced by
George Miller
Doug Mitchell
Bill Miller

Directed by
Chris Noonan

Opening narration:

(The narration begins over piglets suckling on their mother in a pig factory)

Narrator: This is a tale about an unprejudiced heart ... and how it changed our valley forever. There was a time not so long ago ... when pigs were accorded no respect, except by other pigs. They lived their whole lives in a cruel and sunless world.

(Wide shot of the dark interior of the pig factory, and a blaze of light as a truck arrives to take away pigs for slaughter)

In those days, pigs believed that the sooner they grew large and fat, the sooner they'd be taken into pig paradise.
(A pig herder jabs the mother pig with an electric prod).

Pig herder voice: Haa! Haa! Get up!

Narrator: A place so wonderful ...
that no pig had ever thought to come back

Pig herder voice: Yo! Yeah!
Babe’s voice: Good-bye, mom.

(The adult pigs head off to the truck)

Narrator: So when the day came for their parents
to go to that other world of endless
pleasures, it was not a time for young
pigs to be sad…

… just another step towards the day when
they, too, would make the journey.

(The truck drives away, leaving Babe sobbing in his straw-lined pen)

Narrator: Perhaps it was because he was alone.
Perhaps his sadness made him easier to catch.
Whatever the reason, of the thousands of animals
in the piggery that day … only one was chosen …

(The pig herder catches Babe and holds him up for inspection)

Pig herder voice: How’s this one Harry?
Harry: Just right for the purpose. How much do I owe you?
Pig herder voice: It's a runt, Harry. Just a worthless little runt …

(Babe is carted away squealing, and the film cuts to girls screaming on a ride at a fair)

(Later the narration continues when Arthur Hoggett goes into a weight-guessing competition, and the farmer picks up Babe).

Narrator: The pig and the farmer regarded each other, and for a fleeting
moment, something passed between them… a faint sense of some common
destiny.