



## No Place Like Home

### Why are these shoes worth so much?

- The red slippers were worn in 'The Wizard of Oz', a famous film that was made in 1939.
- They were stolen in 2005 but have now been recovered by the FBI.

Photo: Ruby slippers kept in a museum.

## Stolen Wizard of Oz Slippers Found

**The famous ruby slippers from 'The Wizard of Oz' have been found! The shoes were stolen 13 years ago from a museum.**

The FBI revealed that they'd found the ruby slippers on Tuesday. They had been looking for slippers since 2017 when they got a **tip-off** about where they might be.

The shoes were stolen in 2005 from a museum in Minnesota, USA. Surprisingly, the thief left no clues. There were no fingerprints and the museum's camera wasn't working!

The shoes are a famous part of film history. One **anonymous** fan offered \$1 million (the same as £775,000) for their return.

The FBI said that they had seized the stolen shoes in an **undercover** operation. They're still searching for the thief.

'The Wizard of Oz' was filmed in 1939 and it was one of the first films made in colour. In the film, a girl called Dorothy is swept away in a tornado to a magical land.

She meets a talking scarecrow, a tin man and a cowardly lion. She eventually

gets home with the help of her magical ruby slippers.

The ruby slippers are one of the most famous film **props** in the world. They're probably worth about £1.5 million!

At least three other pairs of ruby slippers exist but there might be many more. Lots were made for the film in case some were damaged during the filming.

### Glossary

**tip-off** A piece of information given secretly.

**anonymous** A person who keeps their name and identity hidden.

**undercover** Secret work within a group, usually by police or spies.

**props** Objects used in a play or a film.

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