

A Christmas Story

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After watching "A Christmas Story," directed by Bob Clark, I found it to be hilarious and oddly relatable. The film follows the main character Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) through his experience during the holiday with his friends, family and desires for the Christmas season. The humor is for all ages, and being able to not only watch Ralphie get himself into sticky situations but also getting insight into his wild imagination and inner dialogue is priceless. I feel like they do not make many movies where the main character is narrated by their older self; this unique quality is what makes this movie so special, as it gives the viewers a better understanding of their thoughts and emotions. I cannot help but find myself familiar with his thoughts and actions, such as when he accidentally let a curse word slip out when he got into an incident with his friend and his mom called out to scold him for it. This felt familiar to me, as I have a relatively overprotective mom

as well. Seeing Ralphie navigate similar embarrassing situations as myself made it feel as if I were watching a movie of my younger self during the holiday, specifically the scenes

of Ralphie staying awake at night dreaming of the gift he requested for Christmas. This is why this movie is such a classic; it is something everyone who has celebrated Christmas can resonate with. This movie contains so many iconic scenes and really captures the Christmas spirit with aspects of humor and comfort. Although an old movie, I think the retro quality really adds to the nostalgic feeling when watching it, which is what most people are looking for when watching a movie during the holidays. So, if you are searching for a perfect Christmas classic to watch this season, I would definitely recommend "A Christmas Story."

