

Featured Review - My Big Fat Greek Wedding

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Truly magical movies allow you to suspend belief and immerse yourself in the story of someone else's life.

With My Big Fat Greek Wedding though, you often feel like you've lived that story. Be it a big fat Greek, Portuguese, Chinese, Indian or Irish one, weddings, by necessity it seems, bring ups and downs, joyful and not-so-joyful moments.



My family is currently preparing for my brother's wedding and so when I saw My Big Fat Greek Wedding again a few weeks ago, it resonated in a whole new way for me as I recognized some of my family and community in this very sweet story.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding is the story of Toula Portokalos, a thirty year old woman, living with her parents in Chicago and working in the family restaurant, 'Dancing Zorbas.' As is often the case with immigrant families, the Portokalos clan's life is imbued with all things 'Greek.'

So antics ensue when Toula falls in love with, and decides to marry, a decidedly un-Greek man named Ian Miller. Ian's introduction to Toula's family and Greek community, and their (eventual) embracement of him, is a study in love and acceptance.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding was a surprise hit at the box offices. Though no big Hollywood names were associated with the project, audiences loved the humour and honesty of the film and the empathetic characters.

Available on DVD, My Big Fat Greek Wedding is a great film for remembering the important role our family and community play in helping to shape our identity.

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