

Love Actually - A Great Holiday Film

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Rating: Family – 7 (best for teen and up)
Building Community – 8
(Restricted in the U.S. and PG in Canada)

“General opinion is starting to make out that we live in a world of hatred and greed – but I don’t see that – seems that love is everywhere. Love, actually, is all around.”

If you are looking for a heart-warming movie with a twist this holiday season, Love Actually is it. A hopeful film, starring Hugh Grant and Emma Thompson, this movie follows the lives of several couples and families over the holidays. Culminating on Christmas Eve, it is a film of hope, friendship and love.

What I love most about the film is that it shows love, in all its modern forms, as hopeful in a world in which violence, fear and hatred dominate the media. It encourages us to think about the small things, people meeting in unexpected ways, reaching out to others as friends, family and lovers.

I have spent a lot of time in airports. Consumed with getting from point A to point B, I seldom looked around to see those coming and going. But since watching this film, that’s changed forever. Watching people say good-bye and say hello to friends, family, and newcomers has made the airport a study of hope and joy for me. The final scenes in this film are precious and make a subtle, everlasting statement.



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