



Christmas Classic

Released in 1983, *A Christmas Story* has been a cultural phenomenon for decades. Click above to buy the film for yourself.

Where to watch it

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Seasonal Decorations

Christmas tree ornaments are a great way to show your love for *A Christmas Story* without breaking the bank, and Hallmark has great ornaments.



From Box Office Flop to Christmas Tradition

The cinematic season once ruled by Irving Berlin, Charles Dickens, and *It's a Wonderful Life* now belongs to a little 1983 sleeper of a movie, *A Christmas Story*. A look back at how Bob Clark's new holiday classic upended the sentimental old order by showing something every family could recognize.

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For the Family: Leg Lamp Cookies

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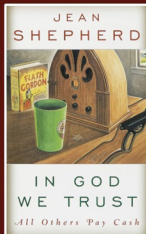
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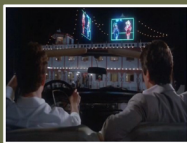
Book Origins

A Christmas Story has its origins in Jean Shepherd's *In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash*, which is a collection of semi-autobiographical short stories about his childhood, and was published in October 1966. This is why Jean Shepherd is the narrator in *A Christmas Story*.



Movie Origins

A Christmas Story wouldn't have existed without Jean Shepherd's writing, but it also wouldn't have existed without Director Bob Clark's previous success, particularly on the movie *Porky's*, a raunchy '80s comedy that made \$5 million dollars with a budget of only 4 million dollars. Studios allowed Clark to work on *A Christmas Story* due to the previous success. (Please be aware, unlike *A Christmas Story*, *Porky's* is rated R and is not a family-friendly movie!)



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Film Trailer & Synopsis

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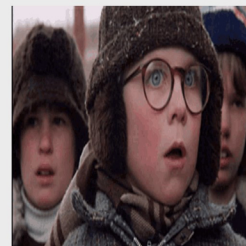
Synopsis

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On the big day gets the C in his collection. **Rapkie is struck in the face with a powdered throw** by the bull. **Spot** and **Rapkie**, who then begin to **tease and taunt Rapkie**. **Hoising** had enough of **Spot** going with **Growler** D. **bullying him**, **Rapkie**, and his friends **Fido** and **Schwartz**. **Rapkie** again begins to **fight Rapkie**, **tackling him** to the ground. **After** **leaving** **down** **Growler** **D.** **he** **hates** **him** **to** **intervene** **for** **him**. **Rapkie** **proceeds** **to** **beat** **Spot's** **face**, **giving** **him** **a** **bloody** **nose**. **During** **the** **fight**, **Rapkie** **grazes** **near** **water** **and** **he** **blows** **after** **water** **to** **the** **fighting** **Rapkie**, **the** **kids** **being** **the** **face** **are** **shocked**. **By** **the** **winning**, **Rapkie** **runs** **to** **get** **more**, **and** **shows** **up** **and** **pulls** **her** **son** **off** **the** **bull** **and** **takes** **him** **and** **Randy** **home**. **One** **part** **of** **the** **film** **comes** **back** **to** **the** **beginning** **of** **the** **film** **and** **shows** **the** **fight** **between** **Spot** **and** **Rapkie**. **Spot** **is** **in** **the** **middle** **of** **the** **fight** **and** **is** **being** **beaten** **by** **Rapkie**. **After** **the** **fight**, **Rapkie** **is** **wounded** **about** **the** **swimming** **and** **it** **shows** **up** **in** **the** **bull** **and** **he** **is** **being** **beaten** **by** **his** **father**. **After** **the** **fight**, **he** **goes** **home** **from** **work**. **Rapkie** **is** **also** **wounded** **and** **hates** **under** **the** **skin**. **Instead**, **Rapkie's** **mother** **hates** **his** **father** **about** **the** **fight** **casualty** **of** **the** **other** **table**. **She** **then** **changes** **the** **subject** **of** **the** **conversation** **to** **an** **upcoming** **Cinema** **Boys** **game**, **distacting** **his** **father** **and** **getting** **Rapkie** **about** **the** **hook** **in** **the** **book**.

On Christmas morning, Ralphie looks frantically for a box that would hold the BB gun to no avail. He and his brother have quite a few presents, but he is disappointed because he did not get the gun. His disappointment turns to joy as his Father points out one last half-hidden present, ostensibly from Santa. As Ralphie unwraps the BB gun, Mr. Parker explains the purchase to his none-too-thrilled wife, stating that he had one himself when he was eight years old.

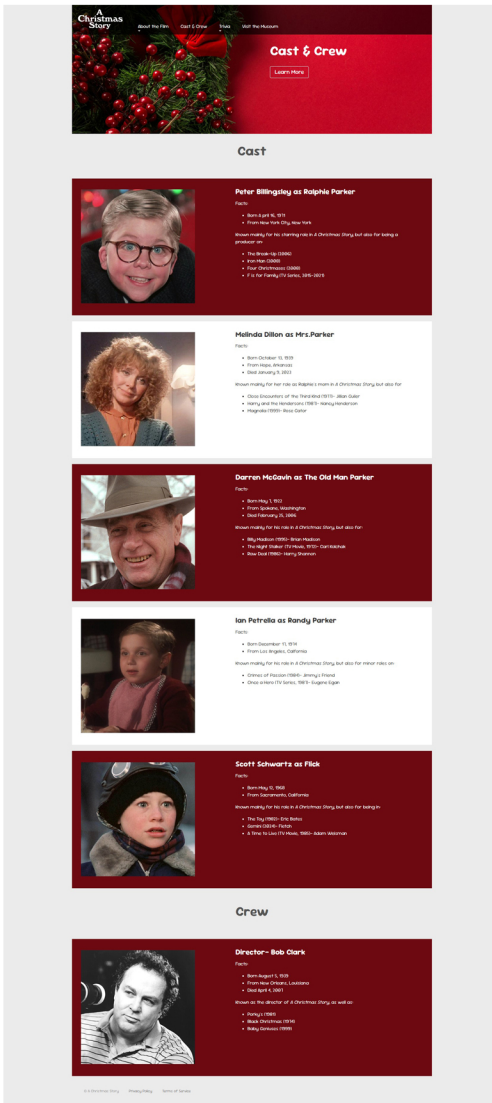
Ralph goes out to test his new gun, pointing at a paper target perched on top of a metal sign, and predictably gets a ricochet from the metal sign. This ricochet ends up hitting just below his eye, which causes him to flinch and lose his glasses. While searching for a glass, Ralph ends up stepping on them, breaking them. However, he concocts a story to his mom about an idiot falling on him and breaking his glasses, which she believes. He takes him upstairs to the bathroom to clean him up, and accidentally forgets to close the door. This allows a horde of the Bumpuses (the Parkers' highly mischievous dogs, who frequently torment Ralph's dad, to enter the house and catch the Christmas turkey that is cooking on the kitchen table. Making a last-minute dash for the door, he finds the family out to a Chinese restaurant where they have a hilarious time dining on Peking duck, which amply satisfies both "Chinese" people.



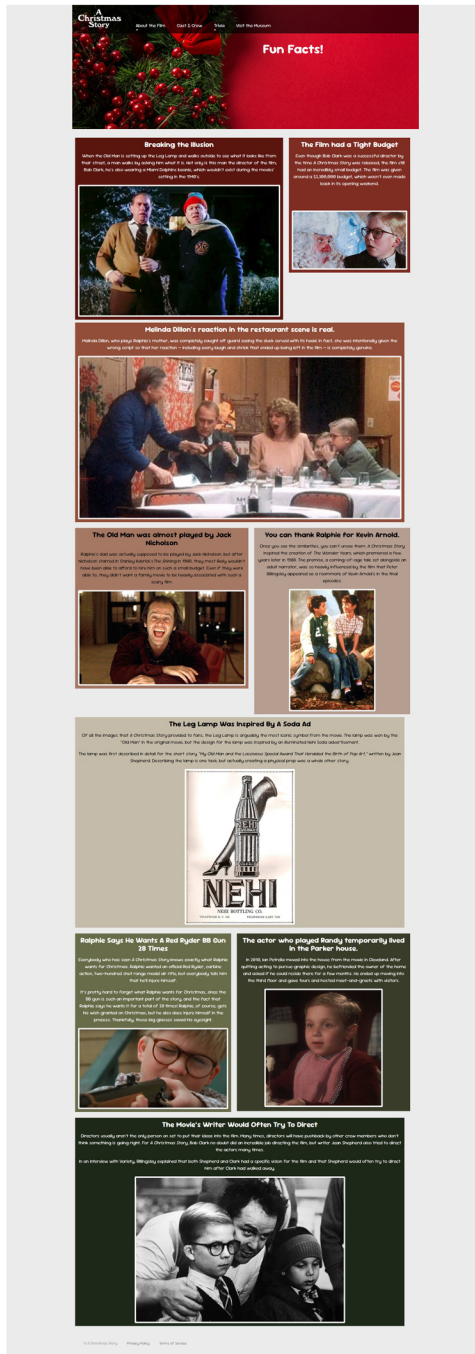
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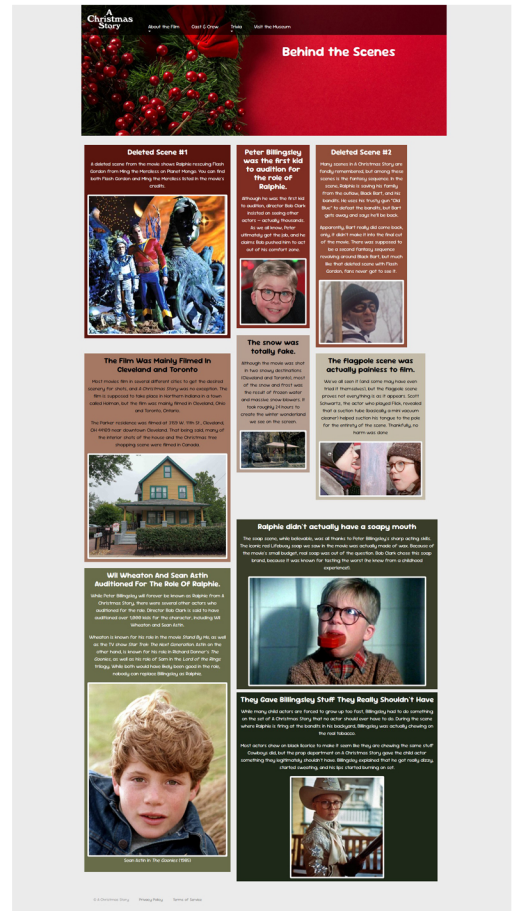
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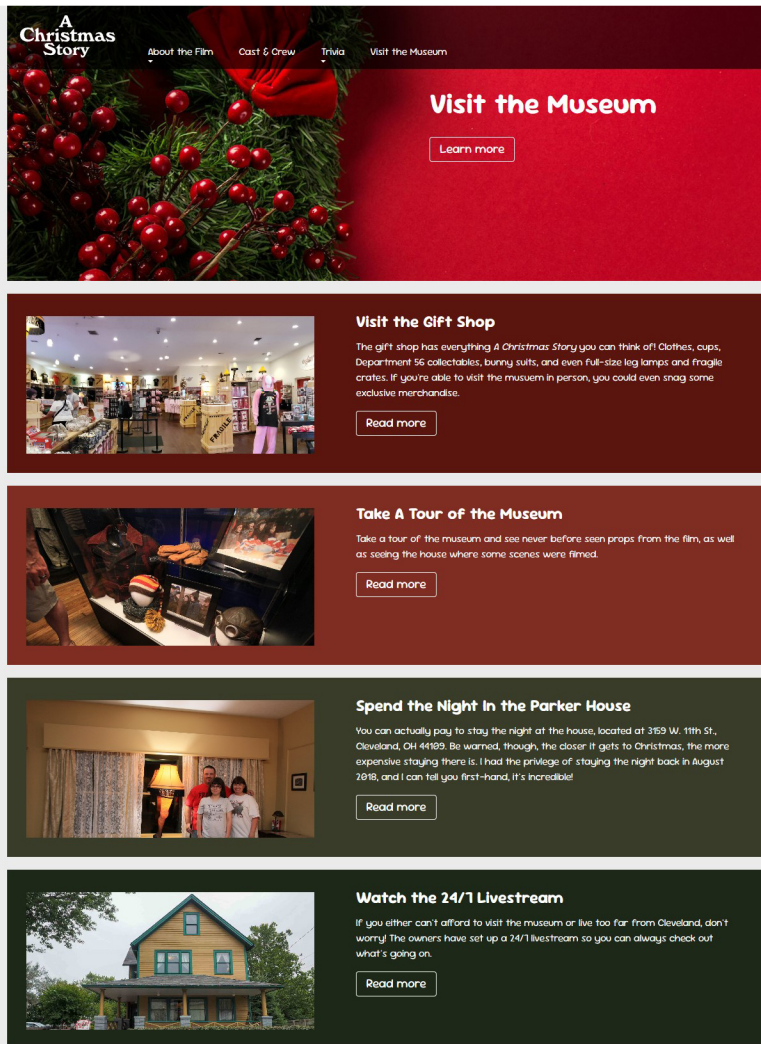


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