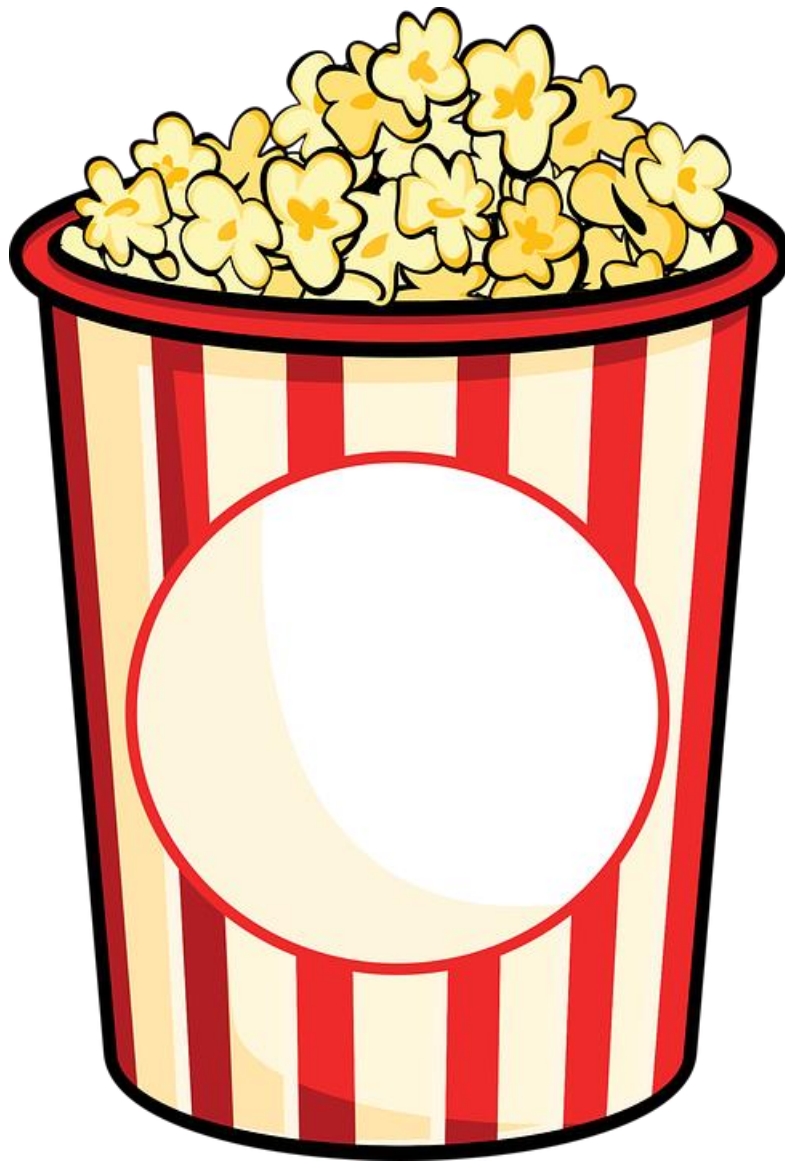


CLEAN COMEDIES
AVAILABLE ON DVD
AT YOUR LIBRARY



NOTE

Whether you're looking for clean movies for your kids, the whole family, or for adults who aren't fans of raunchy comedies, that perfect funny movie can be hard to find.

We created this booklet as a helpful guide to some of the movies available in our library system. We used suggestions from staff, as well as research from Commonsense Media and IMDB Parent Guide sections for movies to determine suitability of recommendations, as well as recommended age categories.

However, since everyone has different standards for what they consider objectionable in a movie, please don't just take our word for it! The same resources we used—especially entries on Commonsense Media and the content of IMDB Parent Guides—are a great way for you to evaluate if the movie will be appropriate for your family.

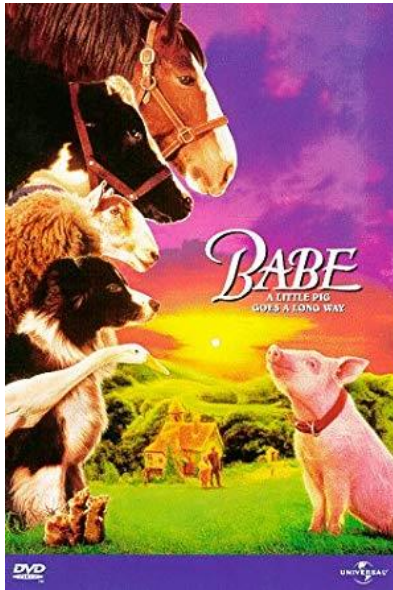
<https://www.common sense media.org/>

<https://www.imdb.com/> **[you can find Parent Guides under the ratings section of individual movies]**

APPROPRIATE FOR EARLY ELEMENTARY (AGES 5 AND UP)

Babe

A family-favorite modern classic, this comedy-drama follows the tale of Babe, a piglet who wants to be a sheepdog. These are puzzling ambitions for a pig, in the eyes of the other farm animals, and complications ensue. James Cromwell stars as Babe's gentle farmer/owner, Famer Hoggett. Rated G.



The Muppet Movies

There's of course a whole gaggle of Muppet movies, going back to the 1970s. As a general rule, they either have G or PG ratings and nothing more than relatively mild thematic content. You can go old-school with the original 1979 *The Muppet Movie* or catch up with newer adventures from Kermit, Miss Piggy, and the rest of the gang in 2011's *The Muppets* and 2014's *Muppets Most Wanted*.

Paddington 1 and 2

These fantasy-comedy-adventures about a teddy bear named Paddington who is adopted by a British family have been a smash hit. Small children may find the first movie a little too frightening, but otherwise, they're both pretty mild PG movies, content-wise.

Pippi Longstocking

This 1960s classic adaptation of the classic kids' books introduces us to Pippi, an irrepressible Swedish redhead, and follows her adventures with her friends Tommy and Annika. This movie is rated G.

Ramona and Beezus

This 2010 depiction of Beverly Cleary's beloved characters Ramona and Beezus stars Joey King and Selena Gomez as the two sisters. Ramona is a kid with a vivid imagination, which doesn't always endear her to her big sister. This movie is rated G.



The Incredible Mr. Limpet

Another G-rated 1960s classic, this one stars Don Knotts as a milquetoast accountant who badly wants to both help serve his country during WWII and be a fish. And he gets both wishes granted. . . .

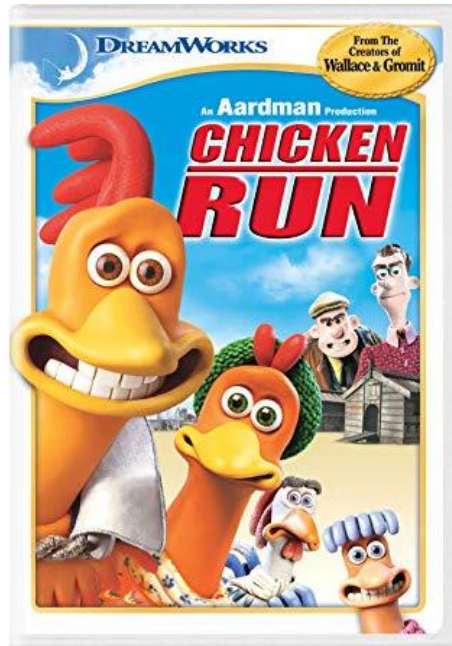
APPROPRIATE FOR TWEENS (8 AND UP)

Because of Winn-Dixie

Opal (AnnaSophia Robb) is the new girl in town and is hopelessly lonely. That is until she goes to the local Winn-Dixie and finds a stray dog that she adopts and names after the store. Together, they make friends and learn some powerful lessons about forgiveness and friendship in this comedy-drama. Rated PG.

Chicken Run

Highly recommend this quirky clay-mation movie about a group of chickens plotting to escape the menacing farm they live on. Works in some delightfully hilarious tributes to pretty much any WWII POW movie and TV show there is and features an all-star voice acting cast, including Mel Gibson, Miranda Richardson, and Timothy Spall. Rated G.



Disney's The Kid

This fantasy comedy for the whole family stars Bruce Willis as a very successful and well-to-do but utterly miserable forty-year-old who unexpectedly has a chance to start his life over again when he meets his eight-year-old self (Spencer Breslin). Rated PG.

Nanny McPhee

Another fantasy comedy, *Nanny McPhee* stars Emma Thompson as a governess with magical powers. And she'll need all the magic she can get to deal with the seven rambunctious Brown children after she's hired by their widower father (Colin Firth). Rated PG.

Night at the Museum

Larry (Ben Stiller) has been going through a rough patch. He starts work as a night watchman at the Museum of Natural History for some extra money, but he soon realizes that he's gotten more than he's bargained for. Specifically, there is a curse at the museum that makes all the displays come to life at night. . . . This fantasy-comedy-adventure is rated PG.

The Pacifier

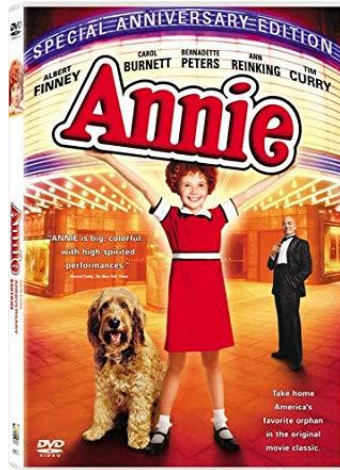
In a send-up of his tough guy image, Vin Diesel stars as Shane, a Navy SEAL who is tasked with an unusual assignment—protecting the children of a late government scientist whose secret work still lurks somewhere in the house. He soon finds himself out of his element, balancing routine childcare tasks with trying to root out foreign spies. Rated PG.

The Parent Trap

In both the 1961 original and the 1998 remake, twin sisters (played by Hayley Mills in the first movie and Lindsay Lohan in the remake) have been separated from birth, with one raised by their dad and one raised by their mom. When the two sisters meet at summer camp, they scheme to get their parents back together. The 1960s version existed before the current movie rating system, so it is Not Rated, though it has fewer content concerns than the PG remake.



APPROPRIATE FOR OLDER TWEENS (10 AND UP)



Annie

This classic comedy-drama musical focuses on Annie (Aileen Quinn), an orphan girl who is just trying to find a family. She manages to escape the miserable Depression-era orphanage she's grown up in and find a temporary place to stay with Daddy Warbucks (Albert Finney)—who offers an award to help her find her folks. But the tyrannical orphanage director Miss Hannigan (Carol Burnett) and her equally slimy brother (Tim Curry) aren't giving up Annie—or, more precisely, the reward money—without a fight. Rated PG.

Elf

This holiday fantasy comedy stars Will Ferrell as Buddy, a man who was raised as an elf in the North Pole. Buddy is in for a terrible shock when he learns that he is not an elf, so he sets out for New York City to find his dad (James Caan) and learn to be a person. This is easier said than done. Rated PG.

Ella Enchanted

A twist on the Cinderella story, this comedy-fantasy stars Anne Hathaway as Ella, a young woman who is under a spell that makes her obedient to, well, everything. When she gets caught up in some wicked political machinations in her kingdom, she realizes she is in serious danger and seeks to have the spell broken. In between all the trouble there's, of course, a charming prince (Hugh Dancy). Rated PG.

Home Alone

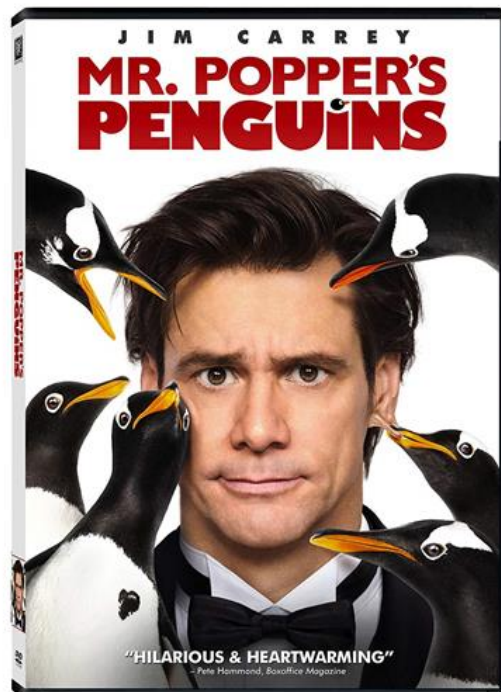
A modern holiday classic, Kevin (Macaulay Culkin) is an eight-year-old accidentally left at home for Christmas who finds himself facing off against two hapless burglars (Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern). The battle of wills between them is not as unevenly matched as you'd expect for one kid versus two adults. Rated PG.

Honey, I Shrunk The Kids

The good news? Wayne (Rick Moranis) has an amazing scientific breakthrough. The bad news? This involves him accidentally shrinking his teenagers and their friends to ¼ inch tall. The teens are stuck battling an incredibly hostile environment (i.e. the backyard) while Wayne tries to figure out how to undo what he has done. Rated PG.

Mr. Popper's Penguins

Tom Popper (Jim Carrey) is a relatively normal guy with a pretty unusual problem—he's inherited six penguins. Complications ensue for Tom as he penguin-proofs his apartment and becomes more engrossed in the penguin situation than he does his work life. Rated PG.



The Princess Bride

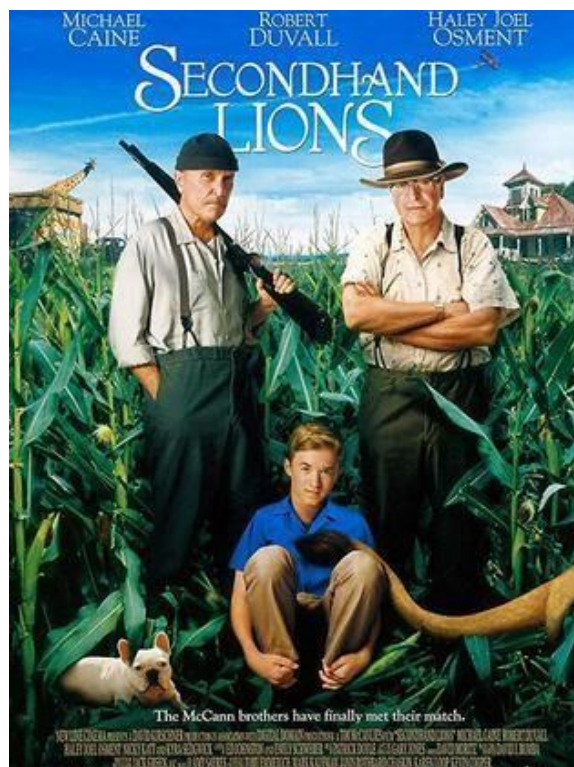
This 80s fantasy comedy classic is a delightful sendup of all the usual fantasy tropes as we follow the travails of Buttercup (Robin Wright), who has been selected as the Princess Bride to Prince Humperdinck (Chris Sarandon). Buttercup's heart belongs to another, Westley (Cary Elwes), and he has quite the adventure ahead of him if he wants to reunite with Buttercup before it is too late. Rated PG.

The Santa Clause

In this holiday fantasy comedy, Scott (Tim Allen) has a huge problem. He accidentally caused Santa to fall off his roof on Christmas Eve, so guess who gets to be a replacement Santa Claus? Complications ensue. Rated PG.

Secondhand Lions

Highly recommend this heartwarming comedy-drama about a lonely boy named Walter (Haley Joel Osment) who gets foisted off on his quirky great-uncles (Robert Duvall and Michael Caine). The two older men have reappeared after a long absence, and Walter's mother is keen for Walter to learn more about the rumored treasure they acquired. But Walter finds something much more valuable as he gets to know them. Rated PG.



APPROPRIATE FOR TEENS AND ADULTS (13 AND UP)

Galaxy Quest

An affectionate send up of *Star Trek*, this delightful movie pokes fun at the washed-up cast of a fictional TV show, including the egotistical captain who thinks being captain on a show makes him the real-life leader (Tim Allen), a bitter British actor who thinks he's above the genre (Alan Rickman), and the bombshell who has come to terms with how gratuitous and pointless her role was (Sigourney Weaver). Things get shaken up when aliens from another planet see the show, think it's real, and reach out for help. . . . Rated PG.

Mousehunt

A black comedy that is not for everyone, *Mousehunt* focuses on two very different brothers (Nathan Lane and Lee Evans) who inherit a rickety, spooky house from their late father. Their interest in the home increases remarkably when they find out it was designed by a famous architect. But in order to get the house ready for auction, they have to deal with its original inhabitant—a very determined mouse. Rated PG.

Napoleon Dynamite

This offbeat comedy stars Jon Heder as Napoleon Dynamite, a quirky Idaho teenager with a weird family, no social life to speak of, and a penchant for exaggeration. He eventually makes friends with two fellow outcasts, Deb and Pedro, but when Pedro decided to run for school president, do Pedro and Napoleon have what it takes to win? Rated PG.





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