A black and white graphic of a film strip border with white sprocket holes, framing the central content.

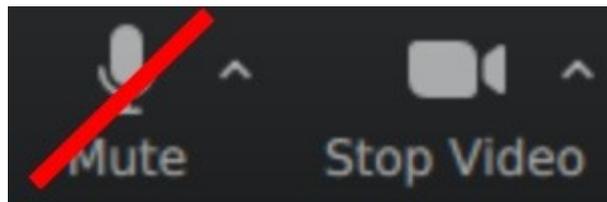
LIFE Movie Club

The Great Rupert [1950]

Zooming: December 1, 2020

Technology — Zoom

- Joining a Zoom meeting is free
- Installing Zoom is free (better virtual experience)
- Webcam setup is required to join the discussion
- I will mute everyone during the movie, you can un-mute at any time



Contacts

- Terry Poulton — poultonterry@gmail.com
 - Terry *is* the LIFE Movie Club. She found the movies. She told all of us what's coming. But technology is not her thing.
- Bob Fabian — bob@fabian.ca
 - Bob has watched movies, but he is no movie expert. He is here to help with the technology — where he spent much of his career.
- Reference Material — <http://fabian.ca/LIFEmovies>
 - These slides and all future slides will be posted there, as will reference material that might be interesting to members

Feature Today



The Great Rupert is a 1950 comedy family film, produced by George Pal, directed by Irving Pichel and starring Jimmy Durante, Tom Drake and Terry Moore. It is based on a story, written by Ted Allan, which has also been published as a children's book under the title "Willie the Squowse".

The story revolves around a little animated squirrel who, with much charm, accidentally helps two economically distressed families overcome their obstacles.

Wikipedia

Comment

- A heartwarming holiday classic about a New York family who is down on their luck at Christmas. Shortly before Christmas, they move into a ground floor apartment where Rupert the squirrel lives. Just when it seems that the holiday will come and go without so much as a Christmas tree, Rupert acts as the family's guardian angel, not only saving Christmas, but changing their lives forever.
- Goofs
When Rosalinda is telling Pete about her shoes being too small, a shadow of the boom microphone can be seen to drop down and move around on the brick wall to the right of the door behind her.

IMDb

Plan for Today

- Introduction - 5 minutes
- The Great Rupert - 87 minutes
- Discussion - 20 minutes
- On to the holidays ...



The Great Rupert



The Movie

Possible Discussion Points

- This was clearly not a big-budget feature, but ... Rupert is cute. Just think what modern technology could do with him (I'm assuming Rupert is a boy squirrel)
- This fits my memory of what a Christmas holiday film could be. Does it fit your memory? Is it successful as a holiday film?
- Would you pay money to see rupert?

Final

- Anyone have a "final comment"?
- Please send your comments and suggestions to:
 - Terry - poultonterry@gmail.com
 - Bob — bob@fabian.ca
- Check for postings at <http://fabian.ca/LIFEmovies>
- Enjoy the rest of your virtual afternoon ...
 - And the upcoming holidays, such as they are