



A family Christmas film
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Rescuing Noel

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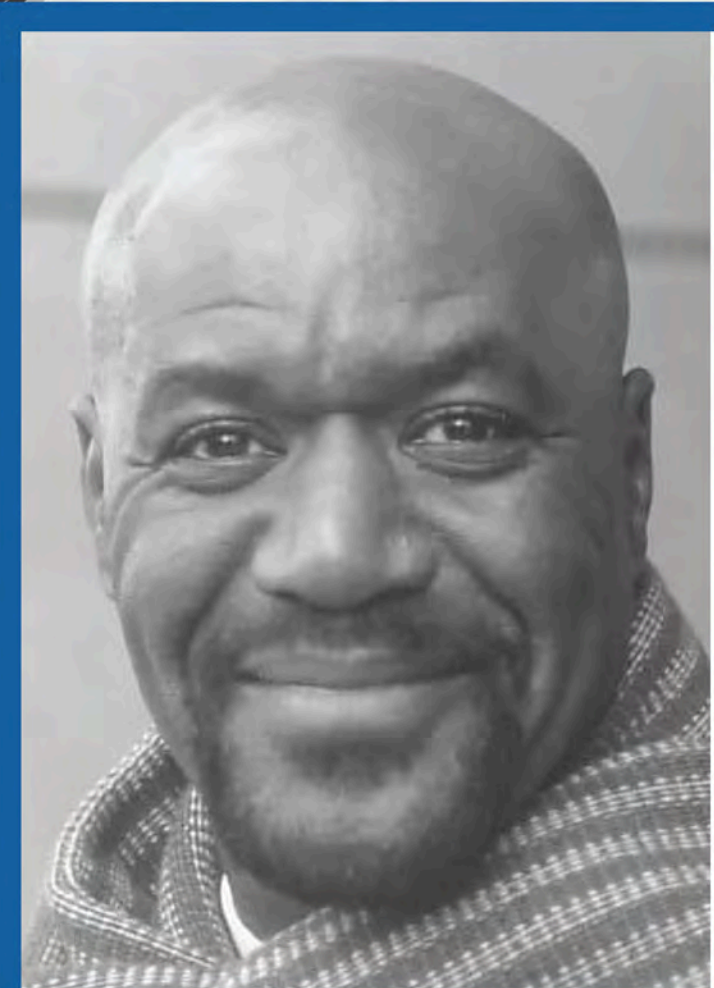
When a homeless man appears in a dying town, the residents must decide if they want to help him or evict him; but, they soon learn that their fate is tied in with his.

Summary

When Noel, a homeless man, appears in the dying town of Miller's Creek a group of kids decide to secretly help him get back on his feet. When their plan is discovered, the adults must choose between removing Noel, who may be a burden to their town, or helping him get back to better. Led by the unrelenting force of will by the kids, the town joins the kids in their quest to help Noel. They are surprised to find that the more they help Noel, the more they see magical things happen. The partnership between Noel and the kids gives birth to new life in the dying town. The residents of Miller's Creek discover that by rescuing Noel they are really rescuing themselves. The only one opposed to the town's new direction is the mayor of Miller's Creek who appears to want to sabotage Noel's recovery. The stronger Noel gets, the more the town starts to thrive; so, the mayor is, in reality, sabotaging his town's recovery. The residents soon discover that the mayor is not trying to protect the town, as he claims, but has a darker motive for wanting to see Miller's Creek destroyed. The health of Miller's Creek is caught in a battle between life and death. We follow the story from the dead of winter, to spring, when new seeds are planted; to summer, when the fruit grows; to fall, when it is time to harvest, and finally back to winter, when the town is restored and Noel's secret is uncovered.

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Characters



Noel -Delroy Lindo (not attached)

Noel is kind, patient and gracious. He knows a lot more about life than he is letting on. He brings love, mystery and magic to the people who are willing to be invited into relationship with him.



Cameron Duncan

Cameron is unsure of himself. He loves hanging around with Jennica but doesn't like the adventure that comes with it. As Jennica's best friend, he often has to choose between giving into his fear or not looking like a 'wuss'



Jennica Stone

Jennica has turned her wounds into strength. Her dad has been lost to depression for a long time now. As a result, she spends as much time out of the house as possible. She has turned into a forceful and fearless leader.



Maddy Bauer

Maddy is outspoken, confident and way too sarcastic. She has no interest in 'softening the blow' during conversations. Maddy runs a video blog that recieved no attention until the magic started happening.

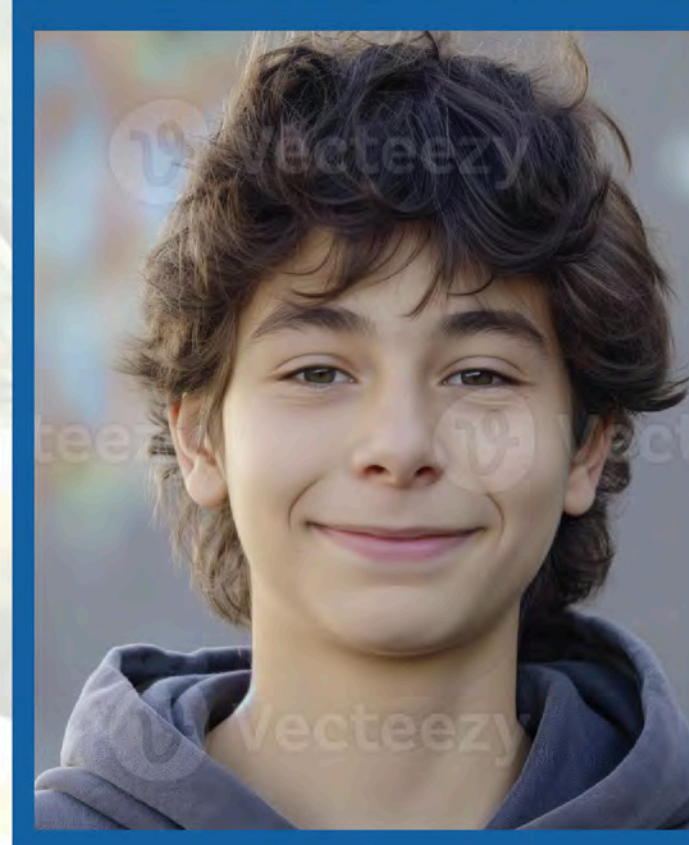
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Andrea 'Andy' KinCaid

Andy is the opposing voice in the group. She is the risk assessor and provider of logic. Her common sense keeps the group on track. Sometimes she is too risk averse and has to be pulled along when things don't go her way.



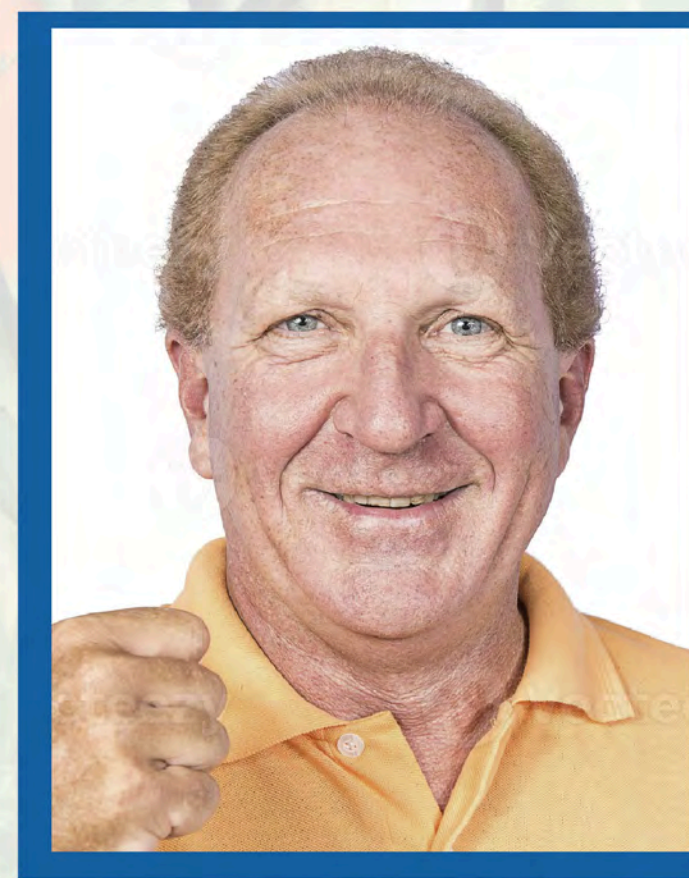
Logan Whelan

Logan has grand ideas and no concept of execution. He is a speak first and think later kind of guy. His ideas are unique and are often the source of great adventures. They can also be monumentally stupid.



Wyatt Wei

This adorable little nerdling loves comic books, martial arts and believes himself to be the security expert of the group. This often leads him to jumping into a situation with both feet and making him look foolish.



Mayor Wayne Gold

The Mayor is narcissistic, self-serving and dishonest. He pretends to care about Miller's Creek and its residents. The town feels beholden to him because he bought up a lot of the dying town and floats the business owners with low rent.

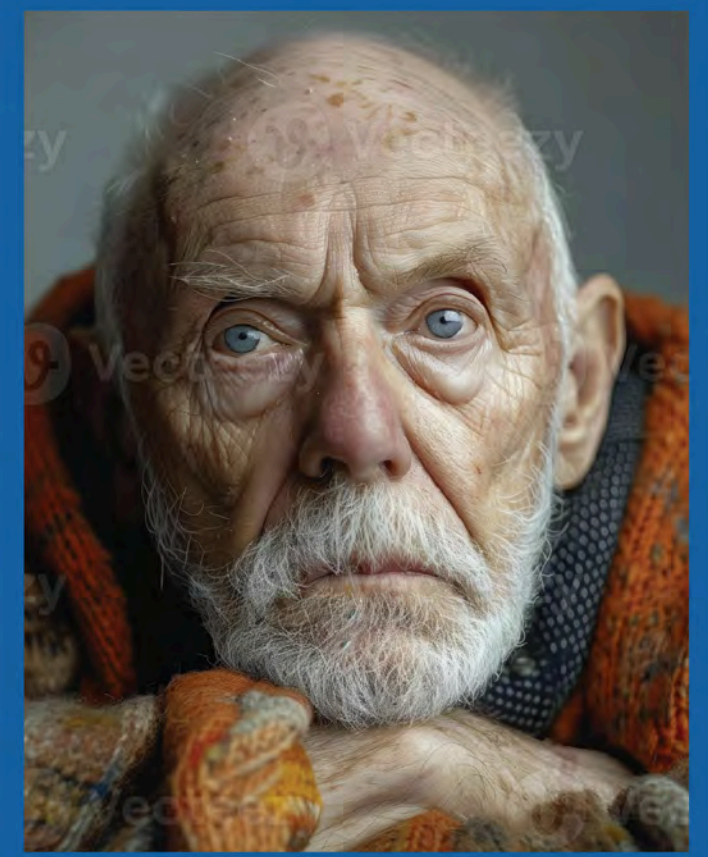
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Cheery Flaveur

Emotionally wounded artist who finds healing in her painting. She is hiding from reality at the B&B and is very annoyed with the new resident, Noel. As Noel helps bring Cheery back to life, her paintings begin to come alive as well. Soon the whole town sees her miracles.



Jerry Hawkins

Jerry is a cantaceros old farmer. He keeps to himself and god forbid you come on his property uninvited. He is in as much need for repair as his farm. When he catches the kids in his old barn he ends up losing his anger to the joy this new relationship brings.



Laney Trasker

Laney runs the B&B. Until Noel, Cheery was her only guest. Despite an empty hotel and the loss of her husband, Laney's optimistic attitude and infectious smile is a catalyst for change. She also can't stand the mayor so she take great pleasure in harbouring Noel from that 'ditch weasel'.



Sgt. Ross Duncan

Cameron's dad is the local police officer. His contract and income are at the whim of the mayor. He often finds himself at odds, being torn between duty to his employer and his love for his town. Ross is a man of integrity and weighs every order from the mayor very carefully.

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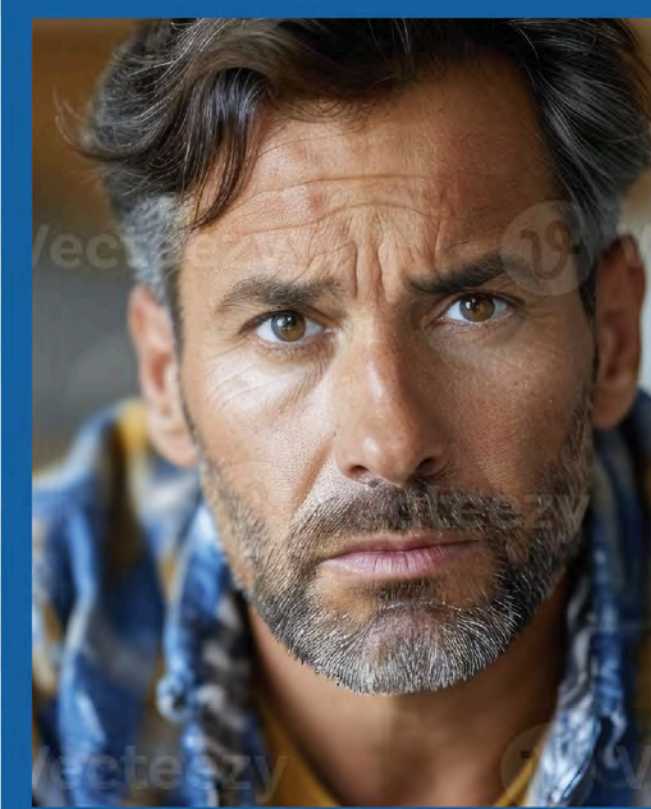
Juniper Stone

'Junie', Jennica's mom, runs the local diner. She is considered the unofficial mayor of Miller's Creek since her cafe is the the meeting hub and everyone looks to her for advice. She is also parenting alone since her husband, Bobby, suffers a deep depression.



Lily & Thomas Dubbins

They are the town's candy makers. They are retired and run the shop to keep busy. Mostly, Lily keeps it open so she can sneak candy to the kids when Thomas isn't looking. Thomas pretends not to notice because it makes Lily happy.



Bobby Stone

Bobby lost his job as a heavy duty mechanic when the mill shut down. He slowly slipped into a depression when he lost his purpose. His one chance at redeption is the faith his family has that he will come through it.



Dr. Lena Duncan

Ross' wife is a doctor and spends the week at the hospital in the city. She comes home on weekends. She misses her family but this is the only way to continue living in Miller's Creek. She loves the town as much as anyone and doesn't want to lose her family to the big city.



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Other Characters

Koman and Ani Puri - The kind and generous owners of the grocery store and pharmacy. They stay afloat because people need food and medicine. Their profit margin has greatly reduced in the past few years because they can't bear to see their friends go without.

Onkwani Anyango and Pili Anyango - This father son barber team immigrated from Kenya years ago. Onkwani loves to tell tall tales while his audience is trapped in his chair. This is a huge source of embarrassment for his son. Eventually, Pili learns to see storytelling as a gift and embraces it.

Mrs. Wormwood - This thrift store owner keeps her prices high because she runs the only clothing store in town. She has an unhealthy loyalty to the mayor. She uses her gifts of gossip and prying to inform on the townsfolk to the mayor.

David Lane - The local carpenter, mostly does odd jobs and small repairs. He has been very lonely since his wife gave up on the town and left. He has looked to Junie to fill that void and offered companionship to Juniper in return. The temptation to go further is real with Junie but she still has hope Bobby will come back. David waits patiently hoping one day that will change.

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Comparables

