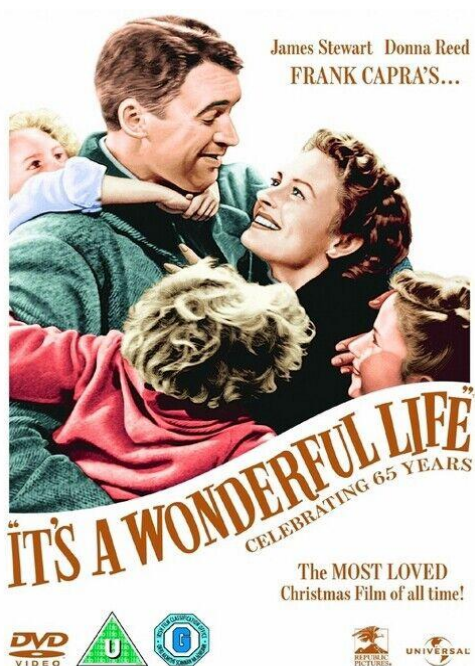


# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **It' A Wonderful Life**



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*It's a Wonderful Life*



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Frank Capra
Screenplay by	Frances Goodrich Albert Hackett Frank Capra
Additional scenes:	Jo Swerling
Based on	<i>The Greatest Gift</i> by Philip Van Doren Stern
Produced by	Frank Capra
Starring	James Stewart Donna Reed Lionel Barrymore Thomas Mitchell Henry Travers Beulah Bondi Ward Bond Frank Faylen Gloria Grahame
Cinematography	Joseph Walker Joseph Biroc
Edited by	William Hornbeck
Music by	Dimitri Tiomkin
Production company	Liberty Films
Distributed by	RKO Radio Pictures
Release date	December 20, 1946 (Limited) January 7, 1947 (Wide)
Running time	131 minutes
Country	United States <sup>[1]</sup>
Language	English
Budget	\$3.18 million <sup>[N 1]</sup>
Box office	\$3.3 million <sup>[3]</sup>

ISBN: 5050582872446

## Information

Release Title: **It's A Wonderful Life** – 06<sup>th</sup> April 1947 (United Kingdom)

London

Publication:

Origin: United States

Release date: United States – 07<sup>th</sup> January 1947

AKA:

Genres: Drama, Fantasy, Family, Romance

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Duration: 2hr 10m (125 mins)

Region Code:

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EAN: 5050582872446

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Languages: English, French

Filming locations: RKO Encino Ranch - Balboa Boulevard & Burbank Boulevard, Encino, Los Angeles, California, USA (outdoor studio set: Bedford Falls town)

Sound mix: Dolby Mono

Colour – Black & White – Colour enhanced Version also Available

Aspect Ratio: 1.37:1

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## Storyline

On Christmas Eve 1945, in Bedford Falls, New York, George Bailey contemplates suicide. The prayers of his family and friends reach Heaven, where guardian angel second class Clarence Obody is assigned to save George in order to earn his wings. Clarence is shown flashbacks of George's life. He watches 12-year-old George rescue his younger brother Harry from drowning, leaving George deaf in his left ear. George later prevents the pharmacist, Mr. Gower, from accidentally poisoning a customer's prescription.

In 1928, George plans a world tour before college. He is reintroduced to Mary Hatch, who has been enamoured with him since childhood. When his father dies suddenly, George postpones his travel to settle the family business, Bailey Brothers Building and Loan. Avaricious board member Henry Potter, who controls most of the town, seeks to dissolve it, but the board votes to keep the Building and Loan open if George runs it. George acquiesces and works alongside his uncle Billy, giving his tuition savings to Harry with the understanding that Harry will run the business when he graduates.

Harry returns from college married and with a job offer from his father-in-law, and George resigns himself to running the Building and Loan. George and Mary rekindle their relationship and wed. They witness a run on the bank and use their honeymoon savings to keep the Building and Loan solvent. Under George, the company establishes Bailey Park, a housing development surpassing Potter's overpriced slums. Potter entices George with a \$20,000/year job, but realizing that Potter's true intention is to close the Building and Loan, George rebuffs him.

On Christmas Eve 1945, the town prepares a hero's welcome for Harry, who, as a U.S. Navy fighter pilot, was awarded the Medal of Honor for preventing a kamikaze attack on a troop transport. Billy goes to Potter's bank to deposit \$8,000 of the Building and Loan's money. He taunts Potter with a newspaper headline about Harry, then absentmindedly wraps the cash in Potter's newspaper. Potter finds and keeps the money, while Billy cannot recall how he misplaced it. With a bank examiner reviewing the company's records, George realizes scandal and criminal charges will follow. Fruitlessly retracing Billy's steps, George berates him and takes out his frustration on Mary and their children. George appeals to Potter for a loan, offering his life insurance policy as collateral. Potter scoffs that George is worth more dead than alive, refuses to help, and phones the police.

George flees Potter's office, gets drunk at a bar, and prays for help. Contemplating suicide, he goes to a nearby bridge. However, before George can jump, Clarence dives into the freezing river, and George rescues him. When George wishes he had never been born, Clarence shows George a timeline in which he never existed. Bedford Falls is now Pottersville, an unsavoury town occupied by sleazy entertainment venues, crime, and callous people. Mr. Gower was imprisoned for manslaughter because George was not there to stop him from poisoning the customer. George's mother does not know him. Uncle Billy was institutionalized after the Building and Loan failed. Bailey Park is a cemetery, where George discovers Harry's grave. Without George, Harry drowned as a child, and without Harry to save them, the troops aboard the transport ship were killed. George finds Mary, now a spinster, and when he grabs her and claims to be her husband, she screams and runs.

George flees back to the bridge and begs Clarence for his life back. The original reality is restored, and a grateful George rushes home to await his arrest. Meanwhile, Mary and Billy have rallied the townspeople, who come into the Bailey home and donate more than enough to cover the missing money. Harry arrives and toasts George as "the richest man in town". Among the donations George finds a copy of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, a gift from Clarence and inscribed, "Remember, no man is a failure who has friends. Thanks for the wings!" When a bell on the Christmas tree rings, George's youngest daughter, Zuzu, explains that "every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings." George looks upward smiling and says, "Atta boy, Clarence!"

**Quick Storyline:** George Bailey has spent his entire life giving of himself to the people of Bedford Falls. He has always longed to travel but never had the opportunity in order to prevent rich skinflint Mr. Potter from taking over the entire town. All that prevents him from doing so is George's modest building and loan company, which was founded by his generous father. But on Christmas Eve, George's Uncle Billy loses the business's \$8,000 while intending to deposit it in the bank. Mr. Potter finds the misplaced money and hides it from Uncle Billy. When the bank examiner discovers the shortage later that night, George realizes that he will be held responsible and sent to jail and the company will collapse, finally allowing Mr. Potter to take over the town. Thinking of his wife, Mary, their four children, and

others he loves will be better off with him dead, he contemplates suicide. But the prayers of his loved ones result in his guardian angel named Clarence Odbody coming to Earth to help him, with the promise of earning his wings. He shows him what things would have been like if he had never been born. — [alfiehitchie](#) IMDb

## Cast

James Stewart as George Bailey  
Donna Reed as Mary Hatch Bailey  
Lionel Barrymore as Henry Potter  
Thomas Mitchell as Uncle Billy  
Henry Travers as Clarence  
Beulah Bondi as Mrs. Bailey  
Frank Faylen as Ernie Bishop  
Ward Bond as Bert  
Gloria Grahame as Violet Bick  
H. B. Warner as Mr. Gower  
Frank Albertson as Sam Wainwright  
Todd Karns as Harry Bailey  
Samuel S. Hinds as Pa Bailey  
Mary Treen as Cousin Tilly  
Virginia Patton as Ruth Dakin  
Charles Williams as Cousin Eustace  
Sara Edwards as Mrs. Hatch  
Bill Edmunds as Mr. Giuseppe Martini  
Lillian Randolph as Annie  
Argentina Brunetti as Mrs. Martini  
Bobbie Anderson as Little George  
Ronnie Ralph as Little Sam  
Jean Gale as Little Mary  
Jeanine Ann Roose as Little Violet  
Danny Mummert as Little Marty Hatch  
Georgie Nokes as Little Harry Bailey  
Sheldon Leonard as Nick  
Frank Hagney as Potter's Bodyguard  
Ray Walker as Joe (Luggage Shop)  
Charlie Lane as Real Estate Salesman  
Edward Kean as Tom (Bldg. & Loan)  
The Bailey Children  
Carol Coomes as Janie  
Karolyn Grimes as Zuzu  
Larry Simms as Pete  
Jimmy Hawkins as Tommy  
Famous or memorable uncredited cast members include:

Jimmy as Uncle Billy's pet raven  
Stanley Andrews as Mr. Welch, the teacher's husband  
Al Bridge as the Sheriff with the arrest warrant against George  
Adriana Caselotti as Singer at Martini's  
Ellen Corby as Bailey Brothers Building & Loan customer, Miss Davis  
Dick Elliott as the bald man on his front porch  
Tom Fadden as the bridge tollhouse keeper  
Charles Halton as the bank examiner, Mr. Carter  
Harry Holman as high school principal, Mr. Partridge  
Harold Landon as Marty Hatch  
J. Farrell MacDonald as the man whose great-grandfather planted the tree George drives into  
Mark Roberts as Mickey, the student with the swimming pool floor key  
Almira Sessions as Potter's secretary  
Carl Switzer as Freddie Othello, the student who unsuccessfully tries to flirt with Mary

Joseph Granby voiced the Angel Joseph  
Moroni Olsen voiced the Senior Angel Franklin  
Marian Carr as Jane Wainwright [Wiki](#)

### Parental Guidance

#### Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:G (original rating) Australia:PG (1985, re-rating) Brazil:Livre Canada:G (Manitoba/Nova Scotia/Quebec) Canada:F (Ontario) Canada:Not Rated (no nationwide rating) Canada:PG (1997, re-rating) Denmark:A Ecuador:Sin Calificación (self-applied) Egypt:Not Rated Finland:K-7 (2013) Finland:S (1990) Finland:K-16 (1946) France:Tous publics Germany:6 Greece:K Hong Kong:I Hungary:12 Iceland:L (original rating) Iceland:Unrated (1946) India:U India:PG (original rating) Indonesia:13+ (self-applied) Ireland:G Israel:9+ (self-applied) Italy:T Japan:G (2015) Japan:Unrated (1946) Mexico:A Netherlands:6 (re-rating) New Zealand:G (original rating) New Zealand:PG (1985, re-rating) Nigeria:PG Norway:A (2019) Norway:16 (1947) Philippines:G Philippines:PG (self-applied) Poland:12 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 (Qualidade) Saudi Arabia:Not Rated Saudi Arabia:G (new rating) Saudi Arabia:PG (re-rating) Singapore:PG South Korea:12 Spain:A Sweden:15 Sweden:7 (2009, re-rating) Taiwan:0+ Turkey:7+ (self-applied) United Kingdom:A (original rating, cut) United Kingdom:U (1996, re-rating) United States:TV-G United States:Passed (National Board of Review) United States:Approved (certificate #11656) United States:PG (2012, certificate #48082) United Arab Emirates:G (self-applied)

**Sex & Nudity** – None, **Violence & Gore**- Mild, **Profanity**- None, **Alcohol, drugs & Smoking**- None, **Frightening & Intense Scenes** -Mild

MPAA Rated PG for thematic elements, smoking and some violence

