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Title: **Miricle On 34th Street** (1994 Version)



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Information

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(United Kingdom)

Publication:

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Release date: United States – 15th November 1994 (New York City
Premiere)

AKA: Also known as: Irving Berlin's White Christmas

Genres: Drama Family, Fantasy

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Duration: 1hr 54m

Region Code:

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MPN:

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Languages: English, American Sign Language, Dutch, Italian, Russian, Swahili

Filming locations: Central Park West, Manhattan, New York City, New York, USA (Parade Scene)

Sound mix: Dolby Digital

Colour – PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

Miracle on 34th Street



Original theatrical poster

Directed by	Les Mayfield
Screenplay by	John Hughes George Seaton
Story by	Valentine Davies
Based on	<i>Miracle on 34th Street</i> original screenplay by George Seaton
Produced by	John Hughes
Starring	Richard Attenborough Elizabeth Perkins Dylan McDermott J. T. Walsh James Remar Mara Wilson Robert Prosky
Cinematography	Julio Macat
Edited by	Raja Gosnell
Music by	Bruce Broughton
Production companies	Hughes Entertainment Fox Family Films ^[1]
Distributed by	20th Century Fox
Release date	November 18, 1994 (United States)
Running time	114 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Box office	\$46.3 million ^[2]

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Storyline

Cole's Department Store's special events director Dorey Walker fires the Cole's Department Store's Santa Claus Tony Falacchi after he gets drunk before taking part in the Thanksgiving parade. Immediately trying to find a replacement, she spots an elderly man who had been berating the inebriated Santa before the parade. When Dorey begs him to take over, he introduces himself as Kris Kringle. Kris does so well during the parade that he is immediately hired by Cole's, despite his apparent belief that he is the real Santa Claus.

Kris is lauded by the children and parents who come to visit him, and his unusual proclivity to direct shoppers to other stores where toys can be bought more cheaply is turned into a successful marketing campaign for Cole's. The sudden turnaround of Cole's, which had only recently survived a hostile takeover bid by Victor Landberg, enrages executives at rival firm Shopper's Express, who are led by Jim Duff.

Dorey has persuaded her six-year-old daughter, Susan, that Santa Claus does not exist, and is concerned by Kris's influence on her. Dorey's boyfriend, attorney Bryan Bedford, does his best to convince Susan to believe. While being babysat one night by Kris, Susan shares with him her Christmas wish: she would like a dad, a house pictured in the Cole's Christmas catalogue, and a baby brother. Kris asks if she would begin to believe in Santa if she got all those things, and Susan agrees that she would.

Landberg and Duff realize that Kris believes himself to be Santa Claus and leads a plot to destroy his credibility. Duff and his fellow executives' pay Falacchi to antagonize Kris in the street and feign an injury when Kris raises his walking stick, leading to Kris's arrest. Bryan provides Kris with legal support and arranges for a court hearing where Kris can make his case. Dorey convinces the chairman of Cole's to show solidarity with Kris, drumming up support from the public. At the court hearing, prosecutor Ed Collins makes the case that Kris is mentally unfit for society, allowing him to state to the court that he is the real Santa Claus.

That evening, Judge Henry Harper privately confides to Bryan that despite Kris's genuine goodwill, he feels he has no choice but to declare him insane. The next morning, just before he can announce his ruling, Susan approaches the judge with a Christmas card containing a \$1 bill. On the back, the words In God We Trust are circled. The judge realizes that if the US Department of Treasury can put its official faith in God on US currency with no required standard of evidence, then the people of New York can place their faith in Santa Claus in the same way. Judge Harper dismisses the case, declaring that Santa is real, existing in the person of Kris Kringle.

Following the court case, Dorey and Bryan are maneuvered by Kris into realizing their true feelings for each other, and are married in a small ceremony after the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass.

On Christmas morning, Susan wakes to the news of the marriage and is elated to find that she has received one part of her Christmas wish. Together, Susan, Dorey, and Bryan drive out to the catalogue house and find that Kris - who has now departed 'overseas' - has arranged for them to purchase it, which they can now afford due to the size of Dorey's Christmas bonus.

With two of Susan's wishes fulfilled, Dorey asks her what the third one was, and she triumphantly announces that it was a baby brother. Dorey and Bryan both look at each other, shocked, before glancing down at Dorey's stomach and sharing a kiss.

Quick Storyline: Major New York department store Cole's risks bankruptcy unless it smashes the Christmas sale. Its major Santa campaign is under threat when their drunk man crashes the reindeer sleigh. PR executive Dorey Walker snatches from the crowd a man who looks just the part and accepts, calling himself Kris Kringle. However, he insists to be Father Christmas, the real Santa. Only Dorey's daughter Susan (6) really believes him, but after Kris knocks down an attacker in self-defence on the street, sent by the store's ruthless competitor Jack Duff, he maintains his claim in court. Rather than letting him rot away in a mental institution, Dorey's fiancé, attorney Bryan Bedford, take son DA Ed Collins with creativity and sympathetic judge Harper. A special reward follows mysteriously. —KGF Vissers IMDb

Cast

Richard Attenborough as Kris Kringle

Elizabeth Perkins as Dorey Walker

Dylan McDermott as Bryan Bedford

J. T. Walsh as Ed Collins

James Remar as Jack Duff

Mara Wilson as Susan Walker

Robert Prosky as Judge Henry Harper

Jane Leeves as Alberta Leonard

Simon Jones as Donald Shellhammer

William Windom as C. F. Cole

Katherine Narducci as the mother

Mary McCormack as Myrna Foy

Alvin Greenman as the doorman

Allison Janney as a brazen woman shopper in Cole's Christmas Shopping Centre

Greg Noonan as Cmdr. Coulson

Byrne Piven as Dr Hunter

Peter Gerety as a cop

Jack McGee as Tony Falacchi

Jennifer Morrison as Denise

Horatio Sanz as an orderly

Ron Beattie as a priest

Joss Ackland as Victor Landberg (uncredited), the owner of a competing store who is eager to see Cole's go out of business so he can buy out the facility and extend his market

Various newscasters portrayed by Rosanna Scotto, Joe Moskowitz, Lester Holt, Susie Park, and Janet Kauss ^{Wiki}

Parental Guidance

Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:G Brazil:Livre Chile:TE Colombia:T Czechia:U Finland:S France:Tous publics Germany:0 (f) Greece:K Hong Kong:I Hungary:KN Iceland:L India:U Ireland:G Israel:6+ (self-applied) Italy:T Japan:G Lithuania:V Malaysia:U Mexico:A Netherlands:AL New Zealand:G Nigeria:G Norway:A (cinema rating) Peru:Apt Philippines:G Poland:0 Portugal:M/6 Russia:12+ Saudi Arabia:G Singapore:PG Singapore:PG13 (Disney+ rating) South Africa:A South Korea:All Spain:T Sweden:Btl Taiwan:G United Kingdom:U United States:PG (certificate #33263) United Arab Emirates:Not Rated (self-applied)

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

MPAA Rated PG for some mild language

Soundtrack

Track listing

No.	Title	Writer(s)	Performer	Length
1.	"Overture"	Bruce Broughton	Bruce Broughton	2:40
2.	"Jingle Bells"	James Pierpont	Natalie Cole	3:35
3.	"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"	Meredith Willson	Dionne Warwick	2:23
4.	"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hugh MartinRalph Blane	Kenny G	3:56
5.	"Santa Claus Is Coming to Town"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">John Frederick CootsHaven Gillespie	Ray Charles	3:04
6.	"Joy to the World"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Isaac WattsGeorge Frideric Handel	Aretha Franklin & Members of the FAME Freedom Choir	3:04
7.	"Santa Claus Is Back in Town"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jerry LeiberMike Stoller	Elvis Presley	2:26
8.	"Signing"	Bruce Broughton	Bruce Broughton	2:05
9.	"Bellevue Carol"	Bruce Broughton	Bruce Broughton	2:15
10.	"Song for a Winter's Night"	Gordon Lightfoot	Sarah McLachlan	3:47
Total length:				29:15

