

# 'Prancer' about a child's belief in Christmas

**Prancer 'G'**  
**Rating: 0 poor.....10 excellent**

**Starring: Sam Elliott, Cloris Leachman, Rutanya Alda, Abe Vigoda, and introducing Rebecca Harrell as Jessica**

This delightful, heart-warming movie is perfect for the holiday season. I don't think anyone is

immune to the touching senses of a child who wants to believe in something.

Jessica is that child. Her mother is dead and her father doesn't show her or her brother, Steve, any amount of affection.

He is losing the farm and doesn't feel he can adequately look after the two children, so he is sending Jessica off to live with

Aunt Shara. Of course Jessica doesn't want to go and many tears are shed.

In amongst this story of a family being torn apart, is also one of faith in things you can't see. Jessica has found a wounded reindeer in the field behind her home and she is convinced it is Santa's deer, Prancer.

Even though her friends and brother try to tell her different, Jessica won't give up her belief in Santa Claus. (As she says: If there's no Santa because you can't really see him, then there's no God because you can't see him, and if there's no God then there's no heaven. So where does that leave her Mother?)

Jessica has plan though. She will take Prancer to Antler Hill on December 23rd at midnight. She has written a letter to Santa asking him to meet her there.

This letter eventually falls into the hands of a newsman and from there, the whole town learns of her belief.

In the excitement that follows, her father learns about the reindeer in the barn, and sells him to

the man who sells Christmas trees to use as a display. Jessica feels betrayed by her father and vows to free Prancer.

At the tree lot, Jessica realizes that maybe everyone was right. After all, if Prancer was magical, why couldn't he fly?

Jessica becomes depressed as her faith in Santa weakens. Ironically, now everyone else sees that the joy of Christmas comes from believing in the spirit of love and kindness (things you can't see.)

Even her father has realized these truths and now he is determined that she keep her rendezvous with Santa.

This movie stirs up memories of Christmases past, when we all believed. A famous story tells us "Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

He lives in the minds and hearts of all of us." Prancer is a movie that reinforces that truth. If you feel love and happiness in your heart for your family and others, then the spirit of Christmas and Santa Claus does truly exist. I give Prancer a 10.

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Participants must be 13 years of age and over. This program will teach you how to use the Fitness Room equipment and basic skills.

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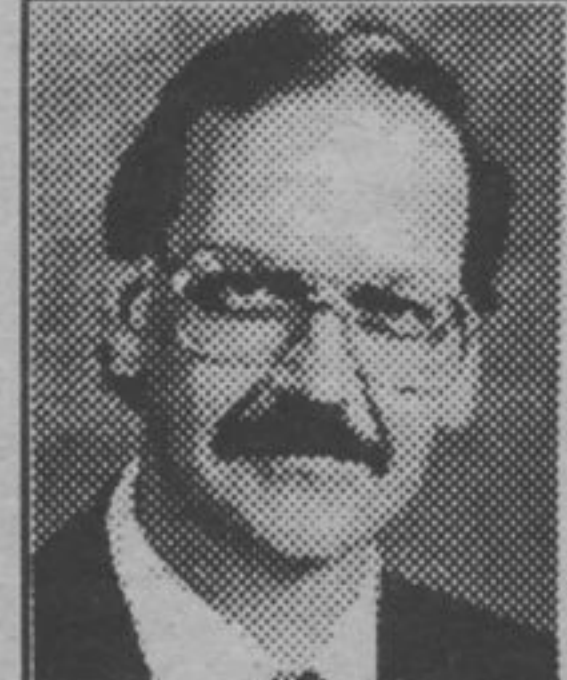
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