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The Christmas Secret

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Movie Review

Title: The Christmas Secret

Main Performers: Bethany Joy Lenz, John
Readon, Susan Hogan

Director: Norma Bailey

Reviewer: Sydnee Burr

Studio: Hallmark Movies and Mysteries

Year Released: 2014

Run Time: 94 minutes

MPAA Rating: G

Interest Level: Young Adult

Rating: Excellent



Review

Christine is a struggling single mother who is trying to do everything she can to take care of her two children. With Christmas just around the corner, an eviction notice, and a demanding ex-husband, Christine has a lot of worries on her mind. Jason is the grandson of a local gift shop owner on the brink of a big career change. His grandmother's life was recently saved by a mysterious woman and he is frantically searching for her so his grandmother can thank her, but the only information he knows is that her name is Christine. Lives come together, wishes are fulfilled and a joyful Christmas is celebrated when a family heirloom connects the dots and solves multiple mysteries.

A classic Hallmark feel-good Christmas film to be enjoyed by all viewers, *The Christmas Secret* captures hearts and minds with the holiday spirit. This film serves as a good reminder that Christmas is about giving and connecting with those around us. Themes of poverty around Christmas time are also explored, which brings to light the fact that not everyone has a merry Christmas but that the holidays are frequently a time of struggle. Meeting those struggles with positive attitudes and a willingness to serve those around you is what invites the Christmas spirit and therefore a merry Christmas no matter life's circumstances.