

[00:00:00] Uh,

[00:00:02] **Todd:** go ahead, sweetie. Well, you don't want to say go ahead, right? I just did. Cold open.

[00:00:12] **Cathy:** I know, but shouldn't it just start with me? Or you can cut that.

[00:00:16] **Todd:** Just go.

[00:00:18] **Cathy:** Okay. My thought is when it gets to be this time of year, I get worried that I'm not going to see all the movies that I need to see. And I mean this in two ways.

[00:00:29] **Cathy:** All the good movies come out. And all the bad movies? No. And then there's all the holiday movies that I have to rewatch. So I have to watch all the Academy Award movies and all the holly, the, what is it called? Holiday movies. Holiday movies? Yeah. Do you feel this pressure like I do? No.

[00:00:45] **Todd:** Okay. No, but I don't want to let a holiday pass us by without spending some time watching holiday movies.

[00:00:52] **Todd:** Thank you. So that's what we're going to talk about today, right? Yes.

[00:00:56] **Cathy:** I'm ready to go. All right.

[00:01:03] **Todd:** Here we go. My name's Todd. This is Kathy. Welcome back to another episode of Azen Parenting Radio. This is podcast number 741 while this Azen Parenting Radio, because you'll feel outstanding and always remember our motto, which is the best predictor of Child of Beings Parents Health, understanding. Oh,

[00:01:18] **Cathy:** that's too fast.

[00:01:19] **Cathy:** We're not in a hurry, babe.

[00:01:20] **Todd:** It's holidays. I, I just wanted to test myself, see how fast I could say it. Maybe,

[00:01:24] **Cathy:** but I think sometimes when we're doing a podcast, you're, your, your, your brain is like, okay, we gotta get done.

[00:01:29] **Todd:** I think your brain is like, you gotta get done. That's what I think. Um Speak! I'm all about being.

[00:01:36] **Todd:** Let's be here now. Let's be here now. Um, so, um, we are going to do kind of a review of Kathy's and Todd's favorite holiday movies. And I also have a list from Entertainment Weekly's top 20 holiday movies of all

[00:01:51] **Cathy:** time. And I have a litmus test whether or not a movie is a Christmas movie.

[00:01:57] **Todd:** Oh, very good.

[00:01:58] **Todd:** That'll be interesting. Now I have a feeling [00:02:00] your litmus test is a little jaded. What does that mean? Jaded? That doesn't connect. I think it's the test itself, probably. Well, let's, before I judge it, let's hear it. No assumptions. But we're not ready yet. So I just want to remind everybody that tickets are going fast for the Zen Parenting 2024 conference.

[00:02:18] **Todd:** Don't call it a conference. Um, don't call it a conference. Amazing speakers coming, uh, like minded parents to talk about all these issues that we get challenged by. for our kids. What else do you want to say? We

[00:02:31] **Cathy:** get challenged by, not for our kids, but because we have kids. That's what I meant to say. And it's, we're really focusing on teens and middle schoolers and young adults.

[00:02:42] **Cathy:** Um, and so all the speakers we have coming with, that's their ex or coming to the conference, that's their expertise. So come, it's so fun and warm and it's just something I think that you will be doing yourself a favor because you'll be starting the new year with.

[00:02:57] **Todd:** A plan. The way I think about our, uh, annual conference is if you come away with one or two really good ideas You're set.

[00:03:05] **Todd:** I think it's worth the time.

[00:03:07] **Cathy:** Well, and here's the thing, this isn't just about the conference, this is about life. Changing a dynamic just by a millimeter or even smaller can change everything. You know what I mean? The way that you react to something, something that you see differently, the way that you respond, um, when your kid says something to you, the way that you're able to communicate better.

[00:03:27] **Cathy:** That changes everything. It's like a domino. Effect. And so I think that's something a lot of times we're looking for all of these like final answers about things and really being able to do one thing a little differently. You know, because relationships are a dance, right? So if Todd and I are having a conversation and there's a dance that we constantly do, if I change a little bit, Todd changes, and then all of a sudden the way we're communicating is completely different.

[00:03:54] **Cathy:** So I just think it's a great opportunity. That's

[00:03:58] **Todd:** right. Um, but [00:04:00] first I want to play a little song. That came from your moment. Children laughing,

[00:04:08] **Cathy:** people passing, meeting smile after smile, and on every street corner you hear silver

[00:04:23] **Cathy:** bells, silver bells, silver bells, silver bells. It's Christmas time in the

[00:04:32] **Todd:** city. And any other holiday that people celebrate this time of the year?

[00:04:38] **Cathy:** Absolutely, Christmas isn't the only one.

[00:04:39] **Todd:** Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, I don't want to leave anybody out, but I just, I'm sure

[00:04:43] **Cathy:** I just did. Yeah, it's kind of just easier to just call this a holiday season, because you want to make sure everybody listening feels like their holiday is the holiday, and it is, you know?

[00:04:53] **Cathy:** This is just a time of year, even if you don't really Practice much at all, or there's not something, but maybe people have come home, you know, children have come home, or work is slowing down so you can relax more. Like the holiday season is kind of this time where we all get a chance to reflect. You

[00:05:12] **Todd:** gave four things for us parents to remember this holiday season.

[00:05:15] **Todd:** The fifth one was the conference, which we already talked about, so I'm just going to read off one riff on it. Sure. Uh, we break from our usual routine. What would you say about that? Well, something

[00:05:25] **Cathy:** that I've noticed is part of the reason I love this time of year, like I was just saying, things change because people, you know, people will say things like, after Thanksgiving no one's really doing as much work, or people are starting to slow down on the expectations, or nobody wants to start something new until the first of the year, so.

[00:05:41] **Cathy:** All of our routine gets changed because we're, it's not so pressing. I mean, depending on the work you do, if you're in retail, everything goes up, right? So it's not that every job slows down, but it gets a little more chill. And, um, I just think that one of the fun things about now is to [00:06:00] not be in this rigid routine, to kind of break away from it into maybe Go have a lunch or see a friend for coffee or watch a holiday movie in the middle of the day or, um, which isn't always available, but I've been like doing work at the table and putting on a lifetime holiday movie.

[00:06:20] **Cathy:** They all look

[00:06:21] **Todd:** like the

[00:06:21] **Cathy:** exact same movie. That's why I don't have to watch it, because it's the exact same story. Um, and I wanna, uh, you know what we're not gonna talk about, but I'd like to, is the difference between Hallmark Channel movies and Lifetime Channel movies. I'm so glad

[00:06:32] **Todd:** we're not

[00:06:32] **Cathy:** gonna talk about that.

[00:06:33] **Cathy:** Are they in competition with each other? Not to me. I only watch Lifetime, but I was at the Hallmark store today. Well, I guess this makes sense because it was the Hallmark store. But everything is like, I love the Hallmark channel and the Hallmark channel and the Hallmark channel. And a lot of people will say to me, do you watch the Hallmark channel?

[00:06:47] **Cathy:** I'm like, no, I'm watching the Lifetime movies.

[00:06:49] **Todd:** I have some random sound clips that I'm just going to put within the context of our podcast today. All holiday related. Oh, good. You okay with that? Of course.

[00:07:01] **Cathy:** Who's

[00:07:01] **Todd:** that? I have no idea.

[00:07:03] **Cathy:** That's not really Santa. That sounds like a drunk Santa. It's

[00:07:06] **Todd:** called Thrill Ho Ho Ho. This is No, that's no good. Yeah, we like that. You like this one? Then I'll do one more. Then I'll go to another one after that. What about this one?

[00:07:19] **Cathy:** Give you my heart, but don't dare you to say you'll give it away.

[00:07:26] **Cathy:** We'll see ya in 70 years. I'll give it to someone special. Enough of

[00:07:33] **Todd:** that. Um, number two, we've heard it a million times but it's worth repeating. Moms get In the

[00:07:40] **Cathy:** pictures. Yeah, it's kind of like an old thing. Like I remember, you know, as bloggers, we used to write about this all the time, like probably a decade ago.

[00:07:48] **Cathy:** Um, but it's true. I, I feel like we have to remember as moms that we, yes, we take a lot of pictures and that's good, but a lot of times we are noticeably absent. from the [00:08:00] pictures with our kids and I always laugh with Todd that sometimes I'll see like a picture of like a Christmas tree and all these presents and then the dad's like got his arms around all the kids in front of the tree and I'm like, and I could be wrong here, but I'm kind of wondering who put that tree together.

[00:08:15] **Cathy:** Who bought all those presents? Who wrapped all those presents? And maybe it was the dad. You never know. Never know. Um, but typically, because I work with women and I talk to them all the time, they are the ones doing that part, that, that emotional labor. And then they're not in the picture. So they, not only are they not like getting the experience of it in that moment, but then historically, when they look back, they're not there.

[00:08:40] **Cathy:** So get in those pictures. Do you know what I do

[00:08:43] **Todd:** suggest? Scram, I want one. What's a Christmas gram?

[00:08:46] **Cathy:** I want one. I say to Todd, I'm like, you, sometimes cause he, he, Todd is not typically thinking about take a picture except during performances. You're great at that. Like when our girls are singing or there's a dancing thing.

[00:09:01] **Cathy:** You're good at that. Thanks babe. But like in a family situation. Um, sometimes you're, I'm like, take a picture and get me in there too. Or JC's really good at doing a selfie where we're all in it. Um, cause I, I like that. I don't want to always be the picture

[00:09:16] **Todd:** taker. No, no, I hear you. Buddy the Elf, what's your favorite color?

[00:09:22] **Cathy:** That's my favorite, that's my favorite moment in that movie. Is it really? Yes, because he like leans over him and then his dad grabs it

[00:09:29] **Todd:** out of his hand. They're all not going to be that good because there's some random ones. I, I found the, you know, you just Google whatever, soundboard holiday. Right. Like I have no idea what this one is, but it made me laugh.

[00:09:38] **Todd:** Oh boy. For those of you that don't know, Phil Norton's on holiday next week. I don't know who Phil Norton is. I have no idea, but it was on some holiday soundboard. Well, we gotta look it up. No, we don't. Okay. Don't look it up. All right, your next one. You ready? Uh, yeah. Uh, the next one is, if gifts don't arrive on time, don't arrive on time, [00:10:00] family members bail or things just don't go as planned, remember there's no personal failure or blame.

[00:10:05] **Todd:** Just reshape and move

[00:10:07] **Cathy:** forward. Yeah. I, um. One thing that happened. I actually I think my last line is the most important one, which is we create a holidays in our head of how we think it's supposed to be. And then there's how the holidays really are. And that's reality. So sometimes a party gets canceled or someone can't show up or there's a snowstorm or a late flight or a present doesn't arrive.

[00:10:29] **Cathy:** You know, I know we don't swear on this show, but sorry, shit's gonna happen. And can we can we roll with it rather than decide that's wrong. That's, oh, this year, just this year is just awful. Like, roll with it. Because the reality is, the reality is what we're experiencing. Do you know what I mean? It's not, and to make up a story, like, if that present would have arrived, or if that person would have come, or if I would have had the right outfit, then the holidays would be perfect.

[00:10:55] **Cathy:** It's all made up. So it's just a, a way to alleviate that pressure that we feel to make everything perfect.

[00:11:04] **Todd:** You're

[00:11:04] **Cathy:** not

[00:11:04] **Todd:** doing anything constructive.

[00:11:06] **Cathy:** Run into the living room. Get my stogie. That's, uh, what's his name? Uncle

[00:11:11] **Todd:** Lewis. Uncle Lewis. That's right. If you don't know what that's from, figure it out.

[00:11:14] **Todd:** Figure it out. Christmas vacation. Um, and then your last one, sweetie, says. You can say no to things and you can cancel planned events.

[00:11:23] **Cathy:** Of course. I was actually just talking to one of my kids about that because a lot of times when, I think it's twofold, I think we as parents, um, feel a lot of pressure from our family, from our friends, from our neighbors, whatever, to honor a lot of holiday traditions.

[00:11:40] **Cathy:** And a lot of times that brings us a lot of joy, but sometimes it's too much and it's okay to cancel something. It's okay to decide that you're not going to go. It's okay to say no immediately up front. That's the most helpful thing, so that nobody's counting on you and you're, you know, disappointing them last minute.

[00:11:54] **Cathy:** But even if it is last minute, sometimes you have to take care of yourself and it allows [00:12:00] you to be more present for the things you want to be present for. But I've also been kind of telling my kids this because, you know, everybody's coming home. You know, Skylar's still in high school, so she's actually still in school this week.



[00:12:10] **Cathy:** Poor thing. Everyone's like doing different things and she's still in school. Um, I know. Casey and Cameron are home and, you know, kind of having their break and they have a lot of plans and I think they feel a lot of pressure to see people and to do this and do that and I'm kind of giving them the same advice, like, you know, Go do what you want to do and see the people you want to see, but don't do things that you think you should do.

[00:12:33] **Cathy:** Instead, if you want to relax and watch a movie and, you know, do nothing, this is the time. Because you're going to start school again and everything's going to ramp up again. Todd, do you remember Coming home at school from college and you were done with your finals and it was like holiday It was Christmas break or you know, December break or winter break, whatever we called it and You literally had nothing you had to do.

[00:12:58] **Cathy:** I mean you were like, there's no book cuz in high school and stuff There's always a book to read or you're going into the next class and there's always like this kind of holdover

[00:13:06] **Todd:** effect It's very freeing and all I want to do is go get drunk with my friends In high school? No, no, college. Oh. I thought you started with college.

[00:13:14] **Cathy:** Oh, I did. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Um, yeah, I don't think I wanted to only do that. I think I really liked being at, um, I just liked that feeling of waking up and being like there's nothing I have to do. Yeah. It's very rare. Yeah. Because we never have it anymore. You're not a hook at all. No. Yeah. Because there's always something we could do now.

[00:13:32] **Todd:** Truth. Um, what about this one? It's the most wonderful dog I've ever seen. What? What is that from? I have no idea. That's why it's funny. What about this one? Let it

[00:13:48] **Cathy:** dog, let it dog, let it dog. Did he say let it dog?

[00:13:55] **Todd:** Dog, D O U G. I have no idea what this is, but I love it. They made me [00:14:00] laugh this morning. I was going through it.

[00:14:01] **Todd:** Okay, so that's all four years. How are we going to frame this discussion? Okay,

[00:14:05] **Cathy:** can we start with my litmus test? Oh yeah, let's do that. Okay, so I got this on a movie website called Reel to Reel, and basically it said,



what is the litmus test for movies? Because Todd and I listened to this podcast called The Rewatchables.

[00:14:19] **Cathy:** done by the ringer. Many of you may listen to it. We're kind of, I wouldn't say we're obsessed with it, but we listen to it all the time because it's totally, it sounds like an obsession. It is because I re listen to them all the time. So I am a little obsessed, but I, on the Rewatchables podcast, they go through movies, right?

[00:14:36] **Cathy:** The best movies, the thing, the movies they love and, and Bill Simmons, who many of you may know from the sports world, he, he's, you know, it's his podcast and he always says how like Home Alone isn't a Christmas movie and Die Hard isn't a Christmas movie and all these movies that are obviously Holiday movies, but he says they're not.

[00:14:55] **Cathy:** To you. To me. So this is the litmus test. Let's hear it. So there's three. Okay. Number one. It's primarily set during the holiday season, okay? So it doesn't have to be on Christmas, but you know it's the holiday season. Right. Number two, there is a figure from, like, the Christmas world, like, Jesus, um, Santa Claus, Rudolph, Frosty, and I don't know who Krampus is.

[00:15:20] **Cathy:** Who's Krampus? I have no idea. Never heard of him. Okay, I, it's always there. I thought Krampus was, like, a scary movie. I don't, I don't understand it. Um, and also, like, the Grinch, or, like, Jack Skellington, like, those aren't Those didn't start out as Christmas characters, but now nobody would debate whether or not they're Christmas characters.

[00:15:39] **Cathy:** Okay, so so that's number two and number three a film must feature one of the traditional Christmas themes such as love, hope, generosity, faith, redemption, family, or

[00:15:50] **Todd:** fear. Hmm, interesting. So does that fit all three of those to be a Christmas movie? No, two. Oh, two out of the three. Two out of the three. So let's go, I [00:16:00] think of Die Hard.

[00:16:00] **Todd:** Primarily set, is it Christmas Eve? They're at Nakatomi Plaza. So

[00:16:05] **Cathy:** that's And they're at a Christmas party. He flew in for Christmas. He had a Christmas present when he flew in. He, it's Christmas. Who's

[00:16:12] **Todd:** the figure from the holiday? Anybody? Uh,

[00:16:14] **Cathy:** there's no, there, there isn't except that they're going to a holiday party, someone's dressed as Santa, but that doesn't, oh, wait, am I making that up?

[00:16:21] **Cathy:** Is someone at the holiday party dressed as

[00:16:23] **Todd:** Santa? I don't know. We're going to find out tonight because we're watching. Yeah, we're watching it again. Do you think Ellis is a, uh, Bubby, Hans, Bubby. And then what about theme? So I don't know if Die Hard's passing this test. Of course it does. What's the theme?

[00:16:35] **Todd:** Hope. Hope. But

[00:16:36] **Cathy:** isn't everything Bubby? Generosity, redemption.

[00:16:39] **Todd:** Give me a movie that doesn't. Give me a movie that doesn't have any of those. Um, Parasite. Parasite. Of course there's, well, I mean, it's just a downer. Right. There's no hope. In most movies, there is the three acts, the, the, the problem or no, like the set, the setup.

[00:16:56] **Todd:** And then,

[00:16:57] **Cathy:** well, remember it has to have two of the three, right? Okay, so it's not the only thing.

[00:17:01] **Todd:** I just don't like the third part. Read me the third

[00:17:04] **Cathy:** test. A film must feature one of the traditional Christmas themes such as love, hope, generosity, faith, redemption, family, or fear. Yes, fear. What did you

[00:17:13] **Todd:** think?

[00:17:13] **Todd:** Okay. Parasite. Fear. It's terrifying. But there's no redemption

[00:17:17] **Cathy:** in it.

[00:17:18] **Todd:** But does it have to have all of those things? Well,

[00:17:20] **Cathy:** let me, let me finish reading this. Okay. What did you think that line in the song about scary ghost stories and tales of the glories of Christmas is long? So we've been talking about this line, scary ghost stories, Skylar and I have.

[00:17:36] **Cathy:** Why do we say scary ghost stories in that song? And I thought it was because at first we didn't know, but then we talked about it and we're like, well, it's from Scrooge, right? There's ghost stories in that. And then it says, Before Halloween grew into the holiday, it is today. Scary stories were a Christmas tradition.

[00:17:54] **Cathy:** I didn't know that. It is no coincidence that the most retold Christmas story of all time is about four ghosts trying [00:18:00] to scare a old miser straight.

[00:18:02] **Todd:** I don't know. Um, I'm just here to say that I like your first two entries in the litmus test. The third one has no bearing, because 90 It's about

[00:18:11] **Cathy:** putting them together.

[00:18:12] **Cathy:** You're looking at them separate. How

[00:18:12] **Todd:** many of them? So, so what are the characteristics? Love? Redemption? Right. Does it have to have one of those or all of those? But like,

[00:18:19] **Cathy:** for example, you said, well, let's, let's think of another movie, just a regular movie. Let's think of like, Goodfellas. Uh huh. There's not a lot of redemption in that movie either, right?

[00:18:30] **Cathy:** But let's There's a lot of fear. There's a lot. Well, then remove the fear one, but it's in there. That's what's causing your brain to have problems.

[00:18:38] **Todd:** Well, then it's a stupid test because they got to move

[00:18:40] **Cathy:** fear out of there. Here's the thing. You have to remember it's a combination of one, two, and three.

[00:18:46] **Todd:** And I'm just saying 99 percent of movies, the third one will stand with

[00:18:51] **Cathy:** movies.

[00:18:51] **Cathy:** So. But, how many percentages of movies are set during the holiday season, and how many movies actually have a character on the

[00:19:00] **Todd:** holiday season? I like the first two in the limit. I understand,

[00:19:02] **Cathy:** but I feel like you're not hearing what I'm trying to say. It has to meet two, so not a lot of movies are filmed during the Christmas season, and then plus it has to have that.

[00:19:12] **Cathy:** I

[00:19:12] **Todd:** think they should change this test to it has to meet one of these two, because the third one is stupid. That's what I think. I don't agree with you. Fine. Fine. Okay, so,

[00:19:26] **Cathy:** do you want to talk about our movies that we love during this time and why?

[00:19:30] **Todd:** First, we gotta do another transition. Hello, my friends, my name is John Bambs and Merry Christmas!

[00:19:37] **Todd:** Happy Hanukkah, happy Kwanzaa, any of the things that you celebrate, happy it to you. I don't know who John Bambs is. Who's Chip

[00:19:44] **Cathy:** Bambs? I have no idea.

[00:19:45] **Todd:** Who's Phil Norton? I have no idea. Who's Doug? We're gonna find out. Are we? No. Okay. What's wrong with the dog? This sounds bad. It's all right. On my earphones.

[00:19:58] **Todd:** Oh, he's just yacking on a

[00:19:59] **Cathy:** bone. [00:20:00] He got it up. He's alright now. Yeah, that sound

[00:20:03] **Todd:** quality is really bad. Thanks, sweetie. Appreciate that. It's supposed to be holiday season. I just don't think people will be able to be holiday season. You're tearing me apart. I know

[00:20:12] **Cathy:** it was, um Eddie. Eddie, and his dog, and he was choking

[00:20:17] **Todd:** on a bone.

[00:20:17] **Todd:** Allow me a chance for redemption. Okay, go ahead. If you have some Oh, that's no better. Uh, we'll do it again. It's pretty good. If

[00:20:23] **Cathy:** you have some fireclaw No, Bethany, those are Christmas lights. Don't throw me down, Claw. I'll try

[00:20:29] **Todd:** not to, Aunt Bethany. Did she say, don't throw me down? I've seen that movie a billion times.

[00:20:35] **Todd:** That must be an outtake. And I've never No, I think that's in it. We just miss it, because it's so funny. Christmas lights.

[00:20:40] **Cathy:** Don't throw me down, Claude. I'll try not to, Aunt Bethany.

[00:20:44] **Todd:** Is

[00:20:44] **Cathy:** this the

[00:20:46] **Todd:** airport, Claude? We're here! Say, Grizz! Me and Bethany figured out the perfect

[00:20:50] **Cathy:** gift for you. Oh, Uncle Lewis, you didn't have to buy me anything.

[00:20:54] **Cathy:** Damn

[00:20:54] **Todd:** it, Bethany, you gotta stay.

[00:20:57] **Cathy:** Oh, that was fun. I love riding in cars. When did you move

[00:21:04] **Todd:** to Florida? Um, in the Rewatchables, they have a category called, what is it, the Heat Check Award or whatever? Heat Check Award, yeah. Somebody who just shows up for a little bit and kills it. Crushes their Vol. He crushes it.

[00:21:16] **Todd:** Aunt Bethany is such a breath of fresh air into an already good movie.

[00:21:20] **Cathy:** Yeah, because she says that the things she says, what makes it so perfect, and by the way, we're talking about Christmas vacation here, just in case somebody didn't know that, then that's their problem. Um, but she, her, they're just these throwaway lines because nobody's paying any attention to what she's saying.

[00:21:36] **Cathy:** Is Rusty, is

[00:21:37] **Todd:** Rusty still in the

[00:21:39] **Cathy:** Navy? Um, so you just, it's like, and we'll get to other movies, but I, Todd and I were just talking about last night how we love, like, When you're watching a movie for the fifth time or whatever and you can hear what people are saying off camera. Yeah. And it's, it's more funny than what the camera's focusing on.

[00:21:56] **Cathy:** Yeah. Um, so anyway, why don't you, how many movies each are [00:22:00] we going to do? Cause we're going to agree

[00:22:01] **Todd:** on some. I have my top five. Okay. But I also have Entertainment Weekly's Top 20 and I don't know if we even want to use that. Why don't we do

[00:22:09] **Cathy:** ours first and then you can fill it in with the others. That sounds good.

[00:22:12] **Cathy:** So, and maybe check off the ones that we have. So, why don't you start with your, one of your favorite holiday movies? My

[00:22:17] **Todd:** fifth favorite is Christmas Vacation. Yes. And I will do one more line from that. And

[00:22:23] **Cathy:** this here is our pride and joy, Snots. Or you name it. Yeah, we named him that because he's got this sinus condition.

[00:22:33] **Cathy:** Snots, you roll over and let Uncle Clark scratch your belly.

[00:22:37] **Todd:** Alright. That's Eddie. Cousin Eddie. Bless his heart. Uh, that's my five. I assume Christmas Vacation was in your top five? Um, no.

[00:22:45] **Cathy:** But What? My top five, um, I tried to make it a little different than you. Christmas Vacation I've already watched twice this season.

[00:22:51] **Cathy:** I love it. It's one of my favorites. Um, but the ones that I get most excited I can't

[00:22:58] **Todd:** believe you didn't put that in the top. What about my number six? Whatever. Yes. I'm mad. You're not mad. Yes, I am.

[00:23:03] **Cathy:** You're not mad. You want me to do my number five or do you want to talk more

[00:23:07] **Todd:** about Christmas? No, I just think it's a really solid sequel.

[00:23:11] **Todd:** Sequels usually suck and, uh, the third installment of the Vacation series is awesome from Julie Louise Stripus, characters who's not that funny but an important part of the story. Todd. Yeah, Todd and, uh, Margo. Margo. Margo. Margo. Um, Eddie crushes it, um, and Chevy is just a genius, and, uh, Beverly, uh, Beverly D'Angelo.

[00:23:36] **Todd:** Uh, I like the Rusty and the

[00:23:38] **Cathy:** Juliet Lewis. I was just gonna say, let's rank our, our Rusty and Audreys now, because I think, The best Rusty and Audrey are from the original Vacation.

[00:23:47] **Todd:** Wouldn't you say? I think most people would say that. I'm gonna go with European Rusty just to You are not Yes, oink oink my good man.

[00:23:54] **Todd:** European Rusty is the worst. Oh my god, sweetie. Did you not watch that part where they're in the train annoying each [00:24:00] other? It's you! It's me. It's me.

[00:24:03] **Cathy:** Um,

[00:24:04] **Todd:** I And then I'll go with Anthony Michael Hall, and then I'll go with Christmas.

[00:24:08] **Cathy:** Okay, so I would just go with, okay, I will go with Rusty from Original Vacation.

[00:24:13] **Cathy:** Anthony Michael Hall. Yeah, Anthony Michael Hall. Then I would go with Juliette Lewis because that's a more like realistic Audrey



[00:24:19] **Todd:** to me. Oh, I thought we were just comparing Rustys. We're doing Audreys too? Well, yeah, we're not gonna just do the boy. Okay, so who's your number one Audrey? Julia Lewis.

[00:24:27] **Cathy:** Oh, really?

[00:24:28] **Cathy:** Yeah. Because she, first of all, it's her and I love her. So I'm more, you know, apt to say her than anybody else. Um, but I also think she's a more realistic, like she's very detached, but then loves her parents. Yeah. You know what I mean? Yeah. A little more depth. A little more depth. Um, but, you know, It's a close second with the original Vacation Audrey.

[00:24:50] **Cathy:** Because that's just who's in my mind is Rusty and Audrey. Yeah. European Vacation, that's always And then there's Vegas Vacation too.

[00:24:57] **Todd:** And I can't even remember. I don't even think I've seen that. Um, European Vacation, the lady passed away. Rest in peace. She did.

[00:25:03] **Cathy:** She did. Yeah. I don't know how or why. Yeah, she I remember she was sick.

[00:25:07] **Cathy:** Like there was something Physical illness. Yeah, there was something even before Just as an actress, I remember in People Magazine reading about her when I was like in high school. Um, what

[00:25:15] **Todd:** is your

[00:25:15] **Cathy:** number five? Okay, my number five is the new Grinch with Benedict Cumberbatch. And it's not the Grinch with Jim Carrey, and it's not the original Grinch that we all grew up with, which I also love, by the way.

[00:25:28] **Cathy:** But the new Grinch with Benedict Cumberbatch is probably, um, one of the best updates of a movie that I've ever seen, as far as holiday movies go. Um. It is warmer, um, I think there's more characters to love, and I think it's, um, easier to watch. Like, I, I, there's just really cute things that happen, um, great side characters and And who plays Max?

[00:25:55] **Cathy:** Um, Max the dog? Yeah.

[00:25:58] **Todd:** Who plays him? [00:26:00] Yeah. In your Grinch. What do you mean? Who's the actor?

[00:26:04] **Cathy:** But Max doesn't talk. He's a dog.

[00:26:06] **Todd:** Who says a Grinchy

[00:26:08] **Cathy:** Grinchy? That's, that's, that's Kenan Thompson. What character did he play? He's a guy who lives in Whoville.

[00:26:13] **Todd:** I thought he was the dog.

[00:26:14] **Cathy:** No. Max is a dog, so he doesn't talk.

[00:26:17] **Cathy:** I guess I He, and the Grinch though, that's one of the best parts of it is that in the original Grinch, which we all grew up with, he's a dog. He's not very nice to Max until the end. He kind of takes advantage of him and such. And this Grinch has, he and, he and Max are friends. And of course Max is still subservient to him.

[00:26:36] **Cathy:** But like one of the cutest things that my girls and I love is there's this little framed picture of the Grinch and Max together in their house. Like just little teeny

[00:26:46] **Todd:** things. Is the original Grinch in your top five?

[00:26:49] **Cathy:** Not in my top five, but it's in my top ten. Uh,

[00:26:51] **Todd:** we just watched that, whatever, three nights ago.

[00:26:54] **Todd:** And my hot take is It's not that good of a show. Oh, really? There's not a lot that happens in it. The Grinch wants What do you mean? He takes all their stuff from Whoville. minute thing and I can sum it up in like two sentences. Which is? He's mad because of Christmas because he's a Grinch. Well, can you stop

[00:27:15] **Cathy:** there for a second?

[00:27:16] **Cathy:** That's another thing in the new Grinch. Is they explain his history and his trauma. And why he does what he

[00:27:22] **Todd:** does. I am here to say, and I've only seen the one that you just named once. I want to, I'm looking forward to seeing it again. But the original Grinch, we all romanticized because we grew up on it.

[00:27:33] **Todd:** But from a story standpoint, It's kind of lame. Mm hmm. There's really not a lot happening. There's not a lot of suspense. There's a good hook at the end There's a big surprise that Christmas goes on without the gifts. That's pretty awesome. Mm hmm, but the the story itself Yeah, not that good. All right, that's my take you ready for my number four?

[00:27:51] **Todd:** I am This is gonna come out as a big surprise to everybody Oh my gosh, cuz I'm guessing most of you have never heard of this, but I'm saying 8 [00:28:00] bit

[00:28:01] **Cathy:** Yes. Oh, I'm totally not surprised. And the only reason I didn't put it in my top five is because I knew you would. I really

[00:28:05] **Todd:** like it. I've never heard of this movie before last year.

[00:28:09] **Todd:** Your sister and brother in law and Maddie and Max said you should watch this thing called 8 Bit. It's Neil Patrick Harris. He's in, whatever, maybe half of it or a third of it. Yeah, he's the narrator. But most of it goes back 80s. Perfect. And we all grew up in the 80s and it's Kind of just like a very well done, funny movie.

[00:28:29] **Todd:** Yep. And also unpredictable. Like you think you know how it's going to end and it doesn't end the way you think it's going to. And just to

[00:28:36] **Cathy:** like read the synopsis, in the 1980s, Chicago. So that's why we like it too, because they live in Batavia, which is where my sister lives, and they talk about Elmhurst, which is where we live, and they show a lot of, you know, Chicago stuff.

[00:28:49] **Cathy:** In 1980s Chicago, a 10 year old embarks on a quest to get the latest and greatest video game system, which is Nintendo, um, for Christmas. So that's like the plot, but there's all these subplots and it's much deeper, and it's some Todd and I were watching and I was like, how are they making this so funny?

[00:29:08] **Cathy:** Yeah. Agreed. There's like little things that are so funny. Yeah.

[00:29:11] **Todd:** I totally agree. And you can't even explain why. No, I can't explain why. But it's good. So, if you're like me, oh, I don't know why my computer is just doing weird things. If you are like me, uh, you will, um, appreciate this movie because it simply takes place in the 80s.

[00:29:28] **Cathy:** Yes, and like you said, it's surprising and Steve Zahn's in it. Who I love. I'm a big fan. And he's really funny in the movie. Lots of good people in it. Uh, who's your number four? Yeah, I was debating because I want to say something to everybody. This isn't necessarily like, if I had to really talk about my favorite movies, I would like say Charlie Brown and all the things from my history and the, you know, I'm talking about movies I'm watching

[00:29:53] **Todd:** now.

[00:29:54] **Todd:** Okay. So this isn't your, this happens to be your favorite. Holiday movies right now. Right

[00:29:59] **Cathy:** [00:30:00] now, where I'm like excited to watch this, excited to watch that, and I still watch Charlie Brown and everything, but that, it's almost like Rudolph, Santa Claus, they're like Givens, Frosty the Snowman, this, the, that's our childhood.

[00:30:10] **Cathy:** Okay. And these are more of the movies that are a little newer that I watch. Okay, so I'm gonna say my number four, which I just watched the other night for the first time, and I can't believe I'd never seen it, is The Holiday, and it is Cameron Diaz, Jude Law. Kate Winslet, Jack Black. I, it's not that it's so great.

[00:30:31] **Cathy:** It's not my, it's a Nancy Meyers movie. Um, Nancy Meyers did It's Complicated, Something's Gotta Give. And Nancy Meyers whole thing is like the aesthetic of the movie and like the vibe and like how people's homes look and their clothes and scenery. That's like her thing. Um, and it's not the best of her movies, but I was like, how have I not seen this movie?

[00:30:55] **Cathy:** Yeah. I still haven't

[00:30:56] **Todd:** seen it. Yeah.

[00:30:57] **Cathy:** And I think you'd be like, it's good. 3. 5 out of five or whatever. It's not like it's the best thing, but it was just enjoyable to have kind of a, Updated holiday movie to watch. And it's, you know, very How many years? Oh, it's been out forever. Yeah, how did we miss this? I don't know.

[00:31:13] **Cathy:** And I knew it existed. It's, like, it's not like I was like, ooh. It's just I never watched it. Like that, it's like

[00:31:20] **Todd:** Never prioritized it. Never. Yeah, alright. So, the holiday. Uh, well done. I can't wait to, at some point, see that movie, but I have not yet seen it. We're watching

[00:31:28] **Cathy:** it, um, tomorrow night. Oh,

[00:31:30] **Todd:** okay. Yeah.

[00:31:31] **Todd:** Um, number three, which I'm guessing is in your top five, uh, which is love actually.

[00:31:37] **Cathy:** Yeah, that is in my top

[00:31:39] **Todd:** five. Um, and I'm getting to the age where I remember loving a movie, but I don't remember exactly what happens, what it's about. I know Hugh Grant is the prime minister and, um, Hans Gruber is a good guy.

[00:31:53] **Todd:** Well, not really. Oh, he's not? Oh, is he cheating on his wife or something?

[00:31:57] **Cathy:** Well, he doesn't quite cheat on her. [00:32:00] But he has a plan to, like, I think it's left because he gets her, he gets his secretary the necklace. Oh, okay. Remember? Or his administrative

[00:32:10] **Todd:** assistant. I barely remember it, but I like the way it begins because they talk about 9 11.

[00:32:16] **Todd:** Yeah. How? The airport. Uh, at the airport. Um. Why don't you play it? It might take me a bit to find it. So why don't you talk about it? Okay.

[00:32:24] **Cathy:** So the thing that's to me fun about Love Actually is it's so many actors coming together. Very, you know, British actors who we love and it is Warm, and it's funny, and it's sad.

[00:32:41] **Cathy:** There's a grief story right at the center of it, of a wife that has died. This is Liam Neeson's wife, and him trying to stay connected to his son. Not even his son, it's his stepson. So it's his wife's son. And I'm saying that only because, you know, right off the bat, there's, you know, he of course loves this kid and thinks of him as his son.

[00:33:04] **Cathy:** It's a different family for this boy. And so I

[00:33:08] **Todd:** think I got it. See,

[00:33:24] **Todd:** so it's a bunch of people hugging each other in an airport. That's how the movie opens. And I'm like Yeah, it's just people. How is this for Christmas? Yeah. Whenever

[00:33:30] **Cathy:** I get gloomy with the state of the world, I think about the arrivals gate at Heathrow Airport. General opinions starting to make out that we live in a world of hatred and greed.

[00:33:40] **Cathy:** But I don't see that. Seems to me that love is everywhere. Often it's not particularly dignified or newsworthy, but it's always there. Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, husbands and wives, boyfriends, girlfriends, old friends. When the planes hit the Twin Towers, as far as I know, none of the phone calls from [00:34:00] the people on board were messages of hate or revenge.

[00:34:03] **Cathy:** They were all messages of love. If you look for it, I've got a sneaky feeling you'll find that love actually is.

[00:34:11] **Todd:** All around.

[00:34:16] **Todd:** It's very ZPR ish.

[00:34:18] **Cathy:** It's the truth. I mean, it's like why that movie's so powerful, and then it ends kind of on the same note. What do you think of the title? Love Actually is All around.

[00:34:28] **Todd:** All around. Kind of like it, but it's a little deceptive. Yeah, I'm not

[00:34:32] **Cathy:** used, I'm, I'm used to it, so I can't question it. Yeah.

[00:34:36] **Cathy:** It's, um, and then it starts with a wedding and the, you know, the singers. It's just got so many movies that have all these moments that you can't wait to see. You know, there's so many and love actually has become its own cultural literacy. Like, you know, the guy standing at the door with The note card, you know, the cue cards, you know, and she's just reading them because his best friend is in the other room and, you know, it's just got its own.

[00:35:05] **Cathy:** What about the singer? I feel it in my fingers. I feel it in my toes. Love is all around me. And so love me. I'm afraid you did

[00:35:26] **Todd:** it again, Bill. What was he doing?

[00:35:28] **Cathy:** He's supposed to say Christmas is all around me. Oh, really? Yeah.

[00:35:31] **Todd:** Okay. And he just can't get it. Uh, are we watching it? Oh

[00:35:34] **Cathy:** no, we're not watching it. I know, the girl, you know what?

[00:35:37] **Cathy:** It's okay. Here's something I think a lot of parents will be able to relate to. We love that movie, but my girls get turned off from watching it with us because of the two characters that are in the porno.

[00:35:46] **Todd:** And I don't Sweetie, all Christmas movies should have a

[00:35:49] **Cathy:** little porno. And the thing is, is they're the funniest characters in that they're in this porno together, but they're totally shy with each other and like, can't, you know, they're struggling to like have conversation, but [00:36:00] it's an unnecessary story because everybody else kind of connects to each other.

[00:36:04] **Cathy:** Yeah. And to me, other people may love that part, but I, everybody else kind of connects in some way, family or work or whatever, and I just never really loved their

[00:36:15] **Todd:** story. Um, so I think it's your turn, but before we do that. You did it! Congratulations! World's best cup of coffee! Great job, everybody! It's great to meet

[00:36:28] **Cathy:** you.

[00:36:30] **Cathy:** It's

[00:36:30] **Todd:** great to

[00:36:31] **Cathy:** meet

[00:36:31] **Todd:** you. Is there sugar and syrup? Yes. Then yes.

[00:36:37] **Cathy:** All right. What do you got? Um, I'm going to go with the happiest season. No. So again, a new holiday movie, Kristen Stewart, um, Dan,



um, Gable? No, uh, um, yeah, having a brain problem. No, uh, Levy. Oh, so close. Um, and it's a, it's a story of two women who are in love and one of the women, They go home together for the first time, but the home that they go home to, they don't know that they are partners.

[00:37:12] **Cathy:** And so it's kind of, it's a, there's some contrived, there's some like, like we've heard this story a million times, you know, one partner's out, the other one isn't. There's, it's kind of a story we've heard a million times. There's enough in it, um, really kind of funny, funny, funny moments. And I don't know, there's something about Kristen Stewart in this that I really appreciate because she doesn't do things like this very much.

[00:37:37] **Cathy:** Don't you agree with that? Uh, I don't. She's always so serious. I don't

[00:37:39] **Todd:** really track her that much.

[00:37:41] **Cathy:** I love Kristen Stewart. Do you? So, yes. And not in a way where like I have, you know, pictures of her in my house. But like, I just think when she does something, there is, it's usually pretty good. Even Twilight, everybody.

[00:37:53] **Cathy:** I'm a Twilight person. And so, I just really like it, and Rising, and I love [00:38:00] the third sister. I love how everybody's struggling with something, I love how it's a total tale of redemption. We haven't been going through the litmus test, but I think it's been pretty easy to make these holiday movies, right?

[00:38:13] **Cathy:** That's right.

[00:38:14] **Todd:** Like, they are. Right, I totally agree. Are you ready for mine? Sure. Uh, let's see, here we go. You're amazing. You figured this all out already. Hey! Business is business. You use a gun, I use a f Oh no. My speaker is just You're here to hustle takeover, you grab us for some green

[00:38:33] **Cathy:** meal, but you didn't expect some poison pill was gonna be running

[00:38:36] **Todd:** around the building.

[00:38:37] **Todd:** Am I right? Hans. Bobby. I'm your white knight. You must have missed

[00:38:46] **Cathy:** 60 minutes.

[00:38:47] **Todd:** What are you saying? What are you saying? The guy upstairs is fucking things up? Oh, no.

[00:38:57] **Todd:** I can give them to you.

[00:38:59] **Cathy:** Hans. Bobby. Bobby. I must have missed

[00:39:02] **Todd:** something. So in case you're not familiar with that, that's Ellis from a movie called Die Hard. 19 or, what year do you think that was? I don't know, a long

[00:39:11] **Cathy:** time ago. Because we've had like 80 Die Hard since. Um, I love Die Hard. It is a Christmas movie to me.

[00:39:18] **Cathy:** Um, I, it's probably my favorite one to watch. 1988.

[00:39:23] **Todd:** High school. Unbelievable. There's some clips. Sorry, computer's just stupid right now.

[00:39:27] **Cathy:** Um, that is my number two,

[00:39:29] **Todd:** Todd. Okay. It's both of our number twos. Wow. Great minds think alike, babe.

[00:39:33] **Cathy:** Yeah, I love Die Hard and we're watching

[00:39:34] **Todd:** that tonight again. And we might both have the same one for number one.

[00:39:38] **Todd:** Are you taking my number one? Are you taking my number one?

[00:39:42] **Cathy:** My number one is the family stone. Oh, no.

[00:39:44] **Todd:** Okay. We're, we're fine then.

[00:39:46] **Cathy:** Okay. So my number one. Is the family stone. I try to get everyone in my family. How'd that work out last night? Skyler watched it with us last night. I think JC watched it a few years ago with me.

[00:39:59] **Cathy:** [00:40:00] I thought Cameron was going to watch it last night, but then she had to clean her room or something. I'm the reason I want them to sit down and watch it is they will love it. Like, it is, and I'm going to say to everybody listening, if you haven't seen The Family Stone, I think most of you probably have, because it's on Hulu right now, they're really pushing it as a holiday movie to watch, but it is, to me, um, a well done, not cheaply made holiday movie.

[00:40:27] **Cathy:** Yeah. You know, it's like a movie movie. You don't have to wait till the holidays to watch it.

[00:40:31] **Todd:** It's a little, um, overly simplistic. And out of love with one another. Unrealistic. That

[00:40:36] **Cathy:** it's good. And you know, I talked about this last night and I felt like it was a hot take. My least favorite characters in The Family Stone are Emmett and Julie.

[00:40:48] **Cathy:** And

[00:40:49] **Todd:** Emmett is played by Dermot Mulroney. Dermot Mulroney.

[00:40:52] **Cathy:** And then Julie is Claire Danes. Claire Danes. I, they are really the middle of the story, meaning they're kind of the people that everybody, like, adjusts around. It's about Emmett. Great. Everett. Thank you. Keep showing up. Okay. So I'm just going to not say anything about it.

[00:41:09] **Cathy:** Um, it is about Everett. Sorry. Everett. And he is supposed to be, I think he's the oldest and he's kind of a perfectionist and he wants to be perfect and he's struggling. I don't know how much I should give away, but he's struggling with some family things. And I just think everybody's really good in it.

[00:41:25] **Cathy:** And, and my favorite character in it is Luke Wilson, who adds the most humor and the most warmth. And, um, we got some good Sarah Jessica Parker stuff, good Rachel McAdams. Um, and then of course we've got Craig T. Nelson and we've got Diane Keaton. Like it's just a, it's just a great holiday movie. I agree. So, that's my number one, Todd.

[00:41:47] **Cathy:** Nice job,

[00:41:47] **Todd:** babe. Mm hmm. Um

[00:41:49] **Cathy:** I mean, what is your number one? Come on. Well, you already said Christmas Vacation. Um,

[00:41:56] **Todd:** Elf? Oh, I'm going to play the trailer. No, I'm going to play the ending. [00:42:00]

[00:42:00] **Cathy:** Elf is your favorite Christmas movie? No. Oh, it's a wonderful life.

[00:42:24] **Todd:** What's the last I cry all the time. What's the last line? Uh, A man with friends is never poor. Something like that. There's something like really

[00:42:32] **Cathy:** wonderful. Yeah. That the angel, um. Leaves him. What's his name? Clarence.

[00:42:36] **Todd:** Clarence, the angel. Oh, I'm going to read it right now. Clarence's note. Remember, no man is a failure who has friends.

[00:42:43] **Cathy:** Yeah, and his friends so show up for him. And you know, I have to say, So It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite movies. We watch it on Christmas Eve. So we have a tradition around it. Todd went to see it for the very first time 10 years ago. We went to, that was 10 years ago, Todd. It showed up in my, uh,

[00:43:00] **Todd:** my Facebook.

[00:43:00] **Todd:** Well, it's cause Noreen came over to babysit for us because she was mad that I'd never seen it. So she's like, I'm babysitting for you. It's playing at the local movie theater. Go see it. And I thought it was going to be some old bad movie and it turned out it was some old awesome movie.

[00:43:12] **Cathy:** It's amazing. It's, that's a classic for a reason and I'm totally with you.

[00:43:16] **Cathy:** Um, and you thought you're, you think that Donna, what's her name? Donna? I think she's gorgeous. Yeah. He's always like, she's so

[00:43:24] **Todd:** gorgeous. What's his

[00:43:25] **Cathy:** name? Donna Reeves. Donna Reed. Yeah, Donna Reed. Um, but she, they, it's a great. I

[00:43:32] **Todd:** usually don't think, uh, people from the olden days, and I guess it's the 1950s here, are that attractive.

[00:43:38] **Todd:** Because they feel old to us. Right. Yeah. But she, somehow she breaks through that for me. Maybe you knew her in

[00:43:43] **Cathy:** a previous life. Never know. You never know. But, um, the one thing I will say is when I watch it, it is hard what he goes through. Oh, yeah. He has so many op. Opportunities to break out of his town and he just can't, he can't even go on his [00:44:00] honeymoon.

[00:44:00] **Cathy:** Right. I, I struggle, every time I'm watching I'm like, this is not fair. I know. And yet, when you really get to it. Such is life. It is, it's such is life. And everybody has noticed what he, I think sometimes when we We're like, everybody else gets to do what they want and I don't get to, but people notice what you do for them.

[00:44:21] **Cathy:** And my favorite plot of that movie is the guy he works for, the pharmacist. Yes, I forget his name. The best part of the story, where he thanks him. Yeah,

[00:44:32] **Todd:** um, ready for some movies that we did not include that are in Entertainment Weekly's top 20?

[00:44:37] **Cathy:** Sure, can I guess some? Sure. Or we probably already did. Uh, I don't know.

[00:44:42] **Cathy:** Like, is Charlie

[00:44:42] **Todd:** Brown in there? Yeah, Charlie Brown's in there. So, there's so many that we disagree with. Now, there's, you know, if you Google it, there's a million top 20 of all time lists. I didn't know which one to go with. Like, Vanity Fair had one. Right. It's subjective. I just went with Entertainment Weekly, and some of them I don't even think are Christmas movies.

[00:44:57] **Todd:** Okay, read them. Santa Claus. Yeah. Tim Allen. By Tim Allen. I haven't seen that in a while, but it's probably good. Okay. Gremlins. What? Oh. Never

[00:45:06] **Cathy:** heard of Gremlins the criteria. Scrooged? Yeah, that's Bill Murray. Miracle on 34th Street? That's one of my favorites. Yeah. White Christmas? Yeah, not as much as, I like Miracle on 34th Street better.

[00:45:19] **Cathy:** The original, by the way. Yeah. The one with Natalie

[00:45:21] **Todd:** Wood. The Nightmare Before Christmas. Yeah, that's Tim Burton. Trading Places? Does that pass your test? God,

[00:45:31] **Cathy:** why do we not have Trading Places? Maybe we should watch that this week. No. I love Trading Places. I do

[00:45:37] **Todd:** not think of it as a Christmas

[00:45:39] **Cathy:** movie. He wears the Santa costume and then he eats the fish.

[00:45:42] **Cathy:** Yes, he does. And it gets in his beard. It sure does. You guys, Trading Places is a holiday movie. I don't think it is. What's his name? What's Eddie Murphy's name? Billy

[00:45:52] **Todd:** Ray Valentine. Billy Ray Valentine. Yeah. Um, um, Home Alone. Didn't even bring up Home Alone. I'm sure [00:46:00] everybody's like screaming at us. Well,

[00:46:01] **Cathy:** you know why?

[00:46:01] **Cathy:** Because Home Alone to us is a Thanksgiving movie because we watch it at Thanksgiving. Yeah. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Of course. We did a whole podcast on Rudolph, by the way. Everybody, it's on our pop culturing podcast. We have another podcast if you guys didn't know that, but we analyze

[00:46:15] **Todd:** Rudolph.

[00:46:16] **Todd:** Head on over to pop culturing, you know, we do a whole hour on Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Because it deserves it. The Year Without Santa Claus? Never heard of it.

[00:46:24] **Cathy:** I think that's one of the old claymation

[00:46:26] **Todd:** ones. Yeah, probably. Mm hmm. The Muppet Christmas

[00:46:29] **Cathy:** Carol. Mm hmm. I'm sure

[00:46:30] **Todd:** I've seen it, but Uh, Bad Santa.

[00:46:32] **Todd:** I've never seen it, but I've seen parts of it and almost died laughing. Really? Yeah, there's some really, I think it's a not a family movie, I think it's just a dirty comedy through the lens of Billy Bob. Um, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, we talked about that. Elf, did either one of us have Elf? I have already watched

[00:46:49] **Cathy:** Elf three times this season.

[00:46:51] **Todd:** I think people are mad at us right now because we did not bring up Home Alone in either of our top fives. Okay. We did not bring up Elf.

[00:46:56] **Cathy:** Okay, then I'm gonna say again, the top five is just the movies I'm so excited to watch right now. It doesn't mean we don't, I've already watched Elf a number of times, but it's so Awesome.

[00:47:06] **Cathy:** Elf has become like Oh, I don't know how to explain it.

[00:47:11] **Todd:** Like, uh, I'm here with my dad, and we never met, and he wants me to sing him a song. And, um, I was adopted, but you didn't know I was born, so I'm here now. I found you, daddy. And guess what? I love you. I love you. I love you. This is a shorter one. Okay. I just like to smile.

[00:47:38] **Todd:** Smiling is my favorite. Smiling is my favorite.

[00:47:42] **Cathy:** So I love Elf. So maybe saying things are our top five. It, if that's going to make people mad, just, these are the ones we're most excited to watch this year. So you just own it. It's our top five. It's just dumb because if someone's like, you didn't say elf, it's like, I've already watched it three times.

[00:47:56] **Cathy:** I

[00:47:56] **Todd:** love elf. Um, the, uh, so in order, [00:48:00] their fifth was How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Four is elf. Okay. Three is Charlie Brown Christmas. Okay. Two is a Christmas story, which neither one of us have talked

[00:48:08] **Cathy:** about. You guys, that you can get mad at us about. I do not, and I'm a, I'm a Gen X er and I don't know a Christmas story.

[00:48:15] **Cathy:** Me neither. I think that's so weird that neither

[00:48:17] **Todd:** of us know that. of us. And the thing is, if either one of us were into it, we would have forced the other one to have watched it by



[00:48:23] **Cathy:** now. We know the guy who's in it. We know all the like, you know, I've seen the major scenes from that movie. It's just, I missed the boat

[00:48:30] **Todd:** on it.

[00:48:31] **Todd:** Um, and then my only thing is like, where is Frosty the Snowman in this top 20 list? Yeah.

[00:48:38] **Cathy:** So wait, you already went through 20 movies? Yes. I feel

[00:48:40] **Todd:** like you just did like six. Well, I skipped the ones we already talked about. Oh, okay. Um, so Frosty's not in there. And then last, I think I did on IMDb, Best Holiday Movies of All Time, and this movie lands in a lot of lists.

[00:48:51] **Todd:** And it's from, uh, 19 whatever. Judy Garland, what is it, sweetie? Oh, Meet Me in

[00:48:56] **Cathy:** St. Louis. Never seen it. So, I said last night, cause that's part of the Family Stone, Meet Me in St. Louis is in it, and I said, we have to watch this because it's, it's Judy Garland, who we all love, and I think I have seen it, though, before.

[00:49:10] **Cathy:** I just don't watch it every year.

[00:49:14] **Todd:** Um, so that's it, that's our top five of all time slash the ones we like the most right now. Are you telling

[00:49:20] **Cathy:** me that Mimi in St. Louis is number one? On one list that I found. What's number one on the list that you have

[00:49:25] **Todd:** there? Um, the one that's on the list I have here is It's a Wonderful Life.

[00:49:29] **Todd:** Okay, that makes sense.

[00:49:30] **Cathy:** Yeah. That was yours. Yeah, so, you know, I know there's a lot of disagreement in these, but it's, it's kind of depends on where you are in life, right? That's what makes it fun. Yeah. It's like, what do you get excited about seeing? And hopefully we set a few you haven't seen yet because the new Grinch is kind of, you know, it's pretty new.

[00:49:49] **Cathy:** Happiest Season is pretty new. 8 Bit Christmas is pretty new. So try some of these new ones out.

[00:49:55] **Todd:** My hope is that they just, um, watch 8 Bit. That's my hope.  
[00:50:00] Yeah.

[00:50:01] **Cathy:** Well, whatever floats

[00:50:03] **Todd:** your boat. Um, we're going to finish with, uh, one of my favorite Christmas songs. Okay, let's do it. And

[00:50:10] **Cathy:** it's a good day to be alive, For when the only one to love you is, The pitiful thing of it all.

[00:50:22] **Cathy:** And the useless bells that we hear, Are the flag raised chimes, Yeah, that's it. I know that

[00:50:42] **Cathy:** I heard a voice long time ago that said, Never get this feeling inside our bones. And if you know it, it's rare to see it in another world. It's lonely out in the cold snow. Do they know it's Christmastime and it's the only way to be? Raise your glass for everyone. Give to them underneath that golden sun.

[00:51:22] **Cathy:** Do they know it's Christmastime and it's the only way to be?

[00:51:49] **Cathy:** I can't even remember the rest of the word. Good morning.  
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