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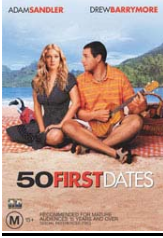
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Merry Christmas! Happy Solstice!

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Movie Reviews

50 First Dates



Chris: It's about a man and a woman who just has short-term memory loss and how they fall in love and get married. Henry meets Lucy every day and he tries everything to talk to Lucy and go out with her. Even though he knows Lucy will forget him each day, he still persists. Finally they get married.

Robbie: It's a lovely film. Henry Roth loves Lucy. Lucy loves Henry Roth. But Lucy can't remember Henry Roth after 24 hours. Henry Roth doesn't abandon Lucy, so they have love in life. They build a nice life together. They have a nice future!

Nikka: This film was a romantic comedy, and talked about Lucy and Henry. Lucy lost her memory in an accident and she lost her short-term memory every night.

Henry was the man who fell in love with Lucy and had the patience to make her fall in love every day.

The film started talking about Henry. He was a flirtatious guy and was always lying to the girls and just having fun.

One day he met Lucy and went to talk with her, but he really didn't know that she had this "problem."

After this, all the film was about Henry making Lucy fall in love with him every day. However there were some days that things didn't work. And he needed to think about the future.

Everything changed when Lucy decided to break up with Henry. And he decided to take a trip in a boat for about one year. When he was going on his journey, Lucy's father appeared and brought a cd with the songs that made Henry remember every moment with Lucy. He thought that the cd was a sign and returned to talk to Lucy. She was working as an art teacher.

When Henry came and asked about Lucy, she showed him her studio and all the pictures that she had painted had Henry's face. And they got married and had a daughter. Also, they made the trip.

Every morning Lucy woke up and saw a video tape that had everything that happened after the accident.

Melissa: In my opinion, it is a different love story. Things like this never happen nowadays.

Well, it is about a girl who has a brain injury and loses her short-term memory. And Henry (one of the main characters) falls in love with her (called Lucy.)

Then he had to make Lucy fall in love with him every day.

It's a beautiful and exciting story.

Andre: This movie was a story about a man (Henry) that met a lovely girl (Lucy) and he fell in love with her, but there is a problem. She had an accident a few years ago and can't remember anything that happened the day before. It's a big problem for this smart guy, but he keeps trying to help her to remember him, because he really loves her. He'll have help from her Dad and brother to get back her normal memory. Unhappily, there is no solution for her problem and they will get married and try to be happy forever!

Alessandra: The film is a love story about a beautiful woman who lost her memory in a car accident, and also a man that lives near a beach where he works with animals.

He met the nice woman when he was inside a diner having breakfast.

He fell in love. The woman liked the man, but she never remembered the previous day.

The man helped her to recover her memory. It was difficult, then the man decided to stay there and help her.

Every day he recorded a tape of the last day so she wouldn't forget. They were happy and got married.

Lingli: Lucy and Henry Roth are characters in this film. In this film Lucy is a special person. She has short-term memory loss because she had a car accident on her father's birthday. So she only remembers up to the day of the accident. Henry Roth is a playboy. He has lots of girlfriends and he can't have a long relationship. But there is one day he met Lucy. He loved her so much the first time he saw her. He helps Lucy deal with her problem. Then they date every day because every day is new for Lucy. They find true love. In the end, they are together. They live on the ship and they're married. They have a first date every day. It's a romantic story.

The Holiday



Andy: This film is a love story about two girls, Iris and Amanda. They were unhappy with recent life. They want to find something different, so they switch homes for a while online. They both find some love. I think in real life it could not work.

Iduae: The story is about love. It is a romantic comedy, but I don't think it happens many times in real life. In fact, I've never seen somebody give their house to a stranger. They change their lives very fast. I just think it can just happen in the movies. But I know sometimes everybody would like to change their life for some time. I would like it too.

Dong: The story is about two different kinds of women who have bad luck with men, and they want to escape from real life. Then they meet online and change their houses. One goes to LA and one goes to the London countryside. After that, they both meet a new man and then they fall in love with the man. It is a love comedy and a funny film. I love this film, because it has a happy ending and everybody is happy. They both find real love.

Fei: Iris works in London. She loves a man who works with her, but the man is engaged to another girl. Amanda runs a film company. She lives in LA. She broke up with her ex-boyfriend. The two girls want to change their lives. They meet on the internet and decide to switch homes. They both start a new life.

Evonne: Amanda is a beautiful American girl who is smart and works in movie advertising. She has a great job. She owns a company and a nice, big house. She didn't cry since her parents broke up. Iris is a good English girl. She loves her ex-boyfriend, even though he is engaged. She tries to forget the past. That's why they change their houses for a holiday. They want something different. I like this movie, because it's romantic. Also, I learned something from this film. The past is past. We shouldn't remember unhappy things. We need to start something new. It's easy and simple, but it's also difficult to do.

Tommy: It is crazy and unbelievable – an amazing holiday for the main character. The story tells us about two amazing girls who fall out of love and change their houses for the Christmas holidays in order to escape from the unhappiness of love. The story is very interesting. At the end of the story, they both fall in love with the other's man. In my opinion, the story is very romantic. The music and the screen are also attractive, and the actors' performance is also spectacular. It is funny. I like it.

Sister Act



Chen: Deloris is a good singer. She goes to the church to hide, but she doesn't like it because it's boring there. She teaches the other nuns to sing. In the end, Deloris would like to stay with the nuns, because she finds something there that she can do. I like the film because it's funny.

Our Free Time

We did a survey in the Elementary class. There are 7 students.

6 people talk to friends on the phone

5 people watch TV

5 people listen to music

2 people play computer games

4 people go for a walk

1 person plays a sport

1 person goes to concerts

5 people go to the cinema

4 people read a book

1 person goes to the gym

What do you do in your free time?

By Rogerio, Manoel, Tom, Debora, Tony and Ming

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I would like a new computer, a car and a watch. I would like a tie and a book.

Merry Christmas!

Xiang



Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I would like some perfume, chocolates, and a necklace. I would like a new computer and a television.

Merry Christmas!

Jinmei

What are your plans for the Christmas Holidays?

I will go travelling. I think I will go to England for Christmas. I will go to stay with my friends, and on Christmas day and New Year's Eve, I will be in England. I would like to get a new car, because I walk very, very, very far. I am tired. ROGERIO

My holiday is the 19th of December until the 6th of January. In my time off I'm going to take a trip to Europe. I'm going to spend Christmas Day and New Year's Eve with my family. About presents, I would like to get a new television. I hope you'll enjoy your holiday! DEBORA

Christmas is coming soon. I shall get about 10 days off. During it I shall go to my sister's house. We shall make some food with her friends and enjoy it very much. However, at Christmas time I shall have lunch with my family, also on New Year's Eve as well. The most important presents for me are to stay with my family and for everybody to be happy. Also if I am blessed with some money, that is better! I hope you will have a nice holiday. MANOEL

I get time off from 19th of December to 6th of January. I will go to England. I will go to my friends' home. I want money for a present. TONY

I will get 18 days off during Christmas. I will stay in the city with my friend at Christmas, but we have a good plan. Before Christmas, we are going shopping. We want to buy some new clothes, trainers, and some presents for my friends. I want somebody to give me a new PC game. It's about sports. Merry Christmas! CHEN

My time off for Christmas is 19th Dec-6th Jan. I'm very happy. I have to go shopping with my friends. We'll have a big party and get drunk, so I'm very happy. MING

During Christmas, I can have 2 days off. I think on Christmas Day, I'll go to my friend's house to talk and drink. At night time I'll go to a Chinese restaurant to drink and sing songs and listen to music. I hope this Christmas I can win the lottery. AUSTIN

Christmas Jokes

One Christmas, Joe and Peter built a skating rink in the middle of a field. A shepherd leading his flock decided to take a shortcut across the rink. The sheep, however, were afraid of the ice and wouldn't cross it. Desperate, the shepherd began tugging them to the other side.

'Look at that,' remarked Peter to Joe, 'That guy is trying to pull the wool over our ice!'

How do you know Santa has to be a man?

No woman is going to wear the same outfit year after year.

The 3 stages of man:

- 1) He believes in Santa Claus.
- 2) He doesn't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) He is Santa Claus.



Not long ago and far away, Santa was getting ready for his annual trip...but there were problems everywhere. Four of his elves got sick, and the trainee elves did not produce the toys as fast as the regular ones so Santa was beginning to feel the pressure of being behind schedule.

Then Mrs. Claus told Santa that her mom was coming to visit. This stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two had jumped the fence and were out, heaven knows where. More Stress.

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the boards cracked and the toy bag fell to the ground and scattered the toys. Totally frustrated, Santa went into the house for a cup of coffee and a shot of whiskey. When he went to the cupboard, he found the elves had hit the liquor and there was nothing to drink. In his frustration, he dropped the coffee pot and it broke into hundreds of little pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found that mice had eaten the straw it was made from.

Just then the door bell rang and Santa cursed on his way to the door. He opened the door and there was a little angel with a great big Christmas tree. The angel said: "Where would you like to put this tree, fat man?"

And that my friend, is how the little angel came to be on top of the Christmas tree.



was the day after Christmas, and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).

I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt---
I said to myself, as only I can,
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So--away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chips
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
Till all the additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a cookie--not even a lick.
I'll want to chew only on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore---
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

How do snowmen greet each other?
Ice to meet you!

After being away on business for a week before the Christmas Holiday, Bob thought it would be nice to bring his wife a gift.
"How about some perfume?" he asked the cosmetics woman at the Department Store. So, she showed him a bottle of \$50 perfume.
"That's a bit much," said Bob. The woman then returned with a smaller bottle costing \$30.
Bob complained, "That's still a lot of money."
Growing disgusted, the woman brought out her smallest little bottle of \$15 perfume.
Bob grew even more restless and replied, "No no... What I mean is I'd like to see something really cheap!"
So the clerk handed him a mirror!!

What did Jack Frost say to Frosty the Snowman? Have an ice day!

What do you get if you cross King Kong with a snowman? Frostbite.

Q: What did the snowman and his wife put over their baby's crib? A: A snowmobile!

What do Snowmen call their offspring? Chill-dren.

Where do Snowmen go to dance? To snowballs.

Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a snowman. Doctor: Keep cool!

Christmas was finally over and the Pastor's wife dropped into an easy chair saying, "Boy! Am I ever tired." Her husband looked over at her and said, "I had to conduct two special services last night, three today, and give a total of five sermons. Why are you so tired?" "Dear," she replied, "I had to listen to all of them."

What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month? The letter "D".

What do you call a polar bear wearing ear muffs? Anything you want. He can't hear you!

What do you call a chicken at the North Pole? Lost.

Just before Christmas, an honest politician, a generous lawyer and Santa Claus were riding in the elevator of a very posh hotel. Just before the doors opened they all noticed a \$20 bill lying on the floor. Which one picked it up?

Santa of course, because the other two don't exist!



Swedish Saffron Buns

INGREDIENTS

- 505 ml milk
- 115 g butter
- 51 g compressed fresh yeast
- 225 g quark or sour cream
- 2 (.5 gram) packets powdered saffron
- 135 g sugar
- 3 g salt
- 940 g all-purpose flour
- 165 g raisins (optional)
- 1 eggs, beaten

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat the milk and butter in a small saucepan until the butter has melted and the temperature has reached 100 degrees F (38 degrees C). Crumble the yeast into a bowl, then pour in the warm milk. Stir well until the yeast dissolves.
2. Stir in the quark, saffron, sugar, salt, and 7 cups of the flour. Mix the dough in the bowl until it becomes shiny and silky, adding more flour as needed until it begins to come away from the sides of the bowl. Cover, and let rise for 40 minutes.
3. Prepare 2 or 3 baking sheets by covering each with a sheet of parchment paper. Lightly flour a work surface, punch down the dough, then divide into 35 pieces. Roll each piece into a rope, 5 to 6 inches long. With the rope lying flat on the work surface, roll each end towards the center, in opposite directions, creating a curled S-shape. Place the buns on the prepared baking sheets, and garnish with raisins if desired. Cover with a towel, and allow to rise for an additional 30 minutes while you preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).
4. Gently brush each bun with beaten egg, then bake in the oven until puffed and golden, 5 to 10 minutes.

Gingerbread Men

INGREDIENTS

- 98 g cook and serve butterscotch pudding mix
- 115 g butter
- 110 g packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 190 g all-purpose flour
- 2 g baking soda
- 3 g ground ginger
- 2 g ground cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

1. In a medium bowl, cream together the dry butterscotch pudding mix, butter, and brown sugar until smooth. Stir in the egg. Combine the flour, baking soda, ginger, and cinnamon; stir into the pudding mixture. Cover, and chill dough until firm, about 1 hour.
2. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease baking sheets. On a floured board, roll dough out to about 1/8 inch thickness, and cut into man shapes using a cookie cutter. Place cookies 2 inches apart on the prepared baking sheets.
3. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes in the preheated oven, until cookies are golden at the edges. Cool on wire racks.

Icelandic Christmas Cake

INGREDIENTS

- 200 g white sugar
- 170 g butter
- 2 eggs
- 310 g all-purpose flour
- 9 g baking powder
- 180 ml milk
- 70 g raisins
- 3 ml lemon extract
- 3 ml cardamom flavored extract

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease one 11 inch loaf pan.
2. Cream the butter or margarine and the sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time beating well after each one. Stir in the milk, lemon and cardamom flavorings. Stir in the flour and the baking powder.
3. Sift a little flour over the raisins then stir them into the batter. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.
4. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 55 to 60 minutes.