

Too Many Jennifers

Episode 28: Free the Torso (A Very Jennifer Xmas)

Episode description: We're back with a sleigh full of Jennifer-centric Christmas movies! From suspicious strangers and head injuries, to Christmas boats and sexy ghosts, Jennifers can have it all this holiday season. Grab yourself a pile of meat and have a Merry Christmas from us to you!

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*Too Many Jennifers,
So little time.
Too Many Jennifers,
All on the line*

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JENN T. 00:38

Welcome to Too Many Jolly Jennifers, the podcast made by Jennifers, for everyone. Including elves. I'm Jennifer Tisdale.

JENNY C. 00:49

And I am your Jolly Old St. Cavallero!

JENN T. 00:55

That's my favorite saint! The patron saint of lasagna dishes for Thanksgiving.

JENNY C. 01:02

Yes. Also correct. Horses love lasagna too. I'm fine with that. Happy holidays everyone! We said we'd be popping in, here we are. We're popping in.

JENN T. 01:13

Consider us popped.

JENNY C. 01:15

Yeah. Um, Jenn. I don't know if you can see, there's little reindeer flying right above me.

JENN T. 01:20

I can see that. I was like, did you put something on your ceiling? Like when I used to put the glow in the dark stars in the shape of constellations, except the only constellation I did was the Piscean constellation.

JENNY C. 01:32

Are you a Pisces?

JENN T. 01:33

I am. People were like is it the Big Dipper? I'm like, bitch who gives a fuck about the Big Dipper? What's that gonna tell me about my love life?

JENNY C. 01:40

The Big Dipper... overplayed constellation. No they're hanging from like the little doorway here.

JENN T. 01:48

It's very festive. I'm seeing some lights in the background. I'm seeing some garlands.

JENNY C. 01:53

There's a tree off-camera. You can't see it. But it's here. And there's some little stockings on the wall.

JENN T. 01:59

Hung by the window with care. And you already came by and gave me my present and I ordered yours. I'm not gonna tell you what it is. I need you to know that I'm bad at secrets. And I need you to know that if we saw each other on a daily basis, I would say things like, are you sure that you don't want me to just tell you? Literally who I am. Don't ever tell me anything. Please do not.

JENNY C. 02:26

I love surprises. So I love not knowing what you got me. I brought your present over last weekend because you were very tired. You had just gotten back from LA. And I was like, can we get together? I need to give you your present. And you're like, can we maybe do it next weekend? Like I'm super tired. But I was like, okay, um, yes, I respect your boundaries, but also no, because your gift is time sensitive. So I drove to your house and brought it to you.

JENN T. 02:54

At first I was like maybe Jenny is bringing me some sort of like meat product, which you know, you're a vegetarian, but I am not. So I was like, oh, maybe this is a perishable food item that for some reason, Jenny was like, I have a pile of meat for you and I need to bring it over now.

JENNY C. 03:09

Jenn, I acquired a quarter of an elk and I need someone to take it off my hands.

JENN T. 03:15

You have a giant freezer, don't you? I'm like, do I!

JENNY C. 03:19

That's like, very Midwestern. My siblings, sometimes they'll like go in with a family member on half of a cow. And then they have a bunch of meat in their garage freezer.

JENN T. 03:30

I mean, no. Yeah. I don't know about that.

JENNY C. 03:34

Midwest. But it wasn't meat. It wasn't meat.

JENN T. 03:38

It was a Back to the Future advent calendar that I tried to put together the other day, and it's very hard. I didn't want to tell you, I didn't want you to somehow feel bad. I feel like if someone said that to me, I'd be like, it's my fault, I wrote the instructions. No I didn't.

JENNY C. 03:53

I gave you this children's gift and it's too hard to put together.

JENN T. 03:57

No, here's why. I have no spatial reasoning. And the instructions are just in picture form without like, any sort of accompanying written instructions. I would need both of those items. And there's just things like arrows pointing to where you're supposed to fold things. And I'm like, ah. So I found a YouTube tutorial. Someone else who put it together, which also tells me that I'm not the only one. Tutorials exist for a reason, and it's because somebody opened this up and went, oh boy oh boy.

JENNY C. 04:27

They went, this is supposed to just be a rectangle that I open little treats from Why do I have to assemble it?

JENN T. 04:32

I opened it up and I saw a single box and I was ready to just set it up and then below the box were all these parts and I went, uh oh. So I am going to do that. It's right... you can see it in the background. It's waiting for me. It's mocking me. And then you got me a shirt that reads Jennifer Connelly, which I'm pretty excited about. Because it is very much like, what's that about? What is the... Jennifer Connolly... is she one of the Jennifer's we think about? I'm like, I am.

JENNY C. 05:03

Exactly, exactly when thinking about Jennifer Connelly,

JENN T. 05:08

She's so eternally beautiful.

JENNY C. 05:10

Very beautiful.

JENN T. 05:11

Please invite me into your marriage. Please.

JENNY C. 05:14

And we are going to talk about some Jennifer related topics today. But first, Jenn, I just want to ask what are you most looking forward to about the holidays?

JENN T. 05:24

Um, my friend, our friend of the podcast, Andrew Bucket, is having... I'm skipping over the other major holidays to go straight to his birthday.

JENNY C. 05:35

His birthday is right after Christmas.

JENN T. 05:37

Yeah, what a terrible time to have a birthday, Jesus. But But that's where it all began. I got a very dramatic text from friend of the podcast, Andrew Bucket, and it simply read. Here it is. Hey, New Year's Eve party at my house. Just you know, you're invited. Everyone will be single.

JENNY C. 05:59

Yes. That sounds like a threat.

JENN T. 06:02

I don't think anybody knows where he lives. But I am now letting people in the world know that this person is having a party.

JENNY C. 06:07

Oh, yeah. If you're single, show up at Andrew Bucket's house on New Year's Eve.

JENN T. 06:10

You know, don't worry about it. He'll only listen to this podcast if I tell him that we talk about him. So I won't tell him.

JENNY C. 06:18

Andrew Bucket, I saw your Spotify Wrapped. We weren't on it, so...

JENN T. 06:22

Friend of the podcast, Andrew Bucket, who doesn't listen to the podcast. So I am excited about that. I'm gonna wear a pretty dress. It's not the single part really. It's just New Year's Eve is obviously an emotionally strange time for people, and I love being single as it is again, my choice, but people make that holiday into this aggressively coupled holiday. And you certainly are a pariah if you're unattached. And there's really nowhere to be if you're unattached. So he's unattached. And now I am and I'm assuming others unless it's the world's smallest party. What a surprise. Oops. Just the two of us. And, you know, that'll be nice. It'll just be like, a nice big thing. Not like a weird, you know, coupling off. Like, maybe I'll kiss 40 people, who can say, at midnight.

JENNY C. 07:14

I mean, that's a good goal.

JENN T. 07:15

COVID be damned.

JENNY C. 07:16

It's a nice round number.

JENN T. 07:18

What about you? What are you excited for?

JENNY C. 07:20

Well, I'm going to be aggressively coupled over the holidays. For like, the first time in a long, long time. So um, no, I'm excited. I am going to see my family, which I didn't get to do last year for the holidays. So I'll get to see all the family. My sister Katie just got a new puppy.

JENN T. 07:41

Hi Katie! Oh my god.

JENNY C. 07:42

Hi Katie! They just got a French Bulldog.

JENN T. 07:47

What is its name?

JENNY C. 07:48

Cooper.

JENN T. 07:49

Oh, that's a good name.

JENNY C. 07:50

Which, I've been calling him Cooper the pooper?

JENN T. 07:56

That tracks.

JENNY C. 07:56

Yeah, it tracks. Um, and Michael is coming with me. Which will be lovely.

JENN T. 08:04

Did I ask you this on the podcast before or off the podcast? Where I said, what are the sleeping arrangements like in your house? Because some people even though you are in your 30s, there are some households where if you're not married, you're not sleeping in the same bed as your significant other, which I find to be insane and strange.

JENNY C. 08:22

Yeah. I think you have, I don't know if we were asked it on the air or not. But Michael and I already sleep in separate beds because I do this... because of my sleeping. aggression. So we visited my mom one other time over the summer and we slept in separate rooms, but not because she enforced that. She would not care either way. She's very cool. She's a, you know, she's a liberated woman.

JENN T. 08:51

She is. Oh, that sounds lovely. I can tell you really quick, I know we have to get into the holiday of it all, but, and I had already told you this story when I saw you, but I'll remind you and it's new to the listener.

JENNY C. 09:06

Listener singular.

JENN T. 09:09

You know, I don't like to presume anything.

JENNY C. 09:11

It's a personalized podcast.

JENN T. 09:14

Um, so I went when I touched down in Los Angeles, I immediately met up with friends and we had dinner, we got drunk, we did karaoke, and I did a guy. I did karaoke and then I did a handsome boy.

JENNY C. 09:25

That's a good order of operations.

JENN T. 09:27

Handsome man. He is and I assume still 36 and that was that. And then he randomly texted me yesterday. I thought we could... well, we had some exchanges, like maybe we might see each other one more time before I left and that didn't happen. And that was that, and it was like keep in touch, yearbook style. And then out of the blue, well the text before yesterday's text was Friday, November 26. And then as of this recording yesterday was December 4. And it just says hey. Now, this was at 2pm my time, so 11am his time. Hey, would like to see the video, if only to hear you. Send me a link! Fire emoji. He wants the link, and I don't know if I've even said this out loud to anyone on this podcast, to this porn that I made eight years ago when I made this porn and I wrote about it at my previous job. I wanted to write about the experience of making a porn and I'm not rationalizing, I'm not saying, oh, it was for a higher purpose, that's why I did it. I would also be fine if I simply made a porn, but that is why I did it. And I'm assuming that at 11am his time, 2 pm my time, he wanted me to send him the link. Now what I do find funny about that is that it's very clear that he doesn't remember my name, which doesn't bother me. Because he would have just googled, because it's very Google-able.

JENNY C. 10:53

He could find it.

JENN T. 10:54

Yeah, it's gonna come, that's a pun, up the second you Google... Not the second, I've done some other stuff, but like that's gonna happen. So I didn't respond.

JENNY C. 11:04

He knows his search words, he could string a few words together on the old Googs.

JENN T. 11:10

I was like, this is absurd. So then, you know, 10 hours later at midnight, he writes, or just a flirty message! He's just gonna keep downgrading.

JENNY C. 11:21

He'll take whatever you'll give him.

JENN T. 11:23

Eventually, he'll ask me how I'm doing. I have to assume he'll just keep downgrading until he's like, or just a hello!

JENNY C. 11:31

It'll just be like a wave emoji. Like he'll just take a thumbs up emoji.

JENN T. 11:37

Part of me doesn't want to respond at all, because what's happening, why are we doing this. Part of me wanted to use it as a teachable moment about how you should at least have the common courtesy to ask me how I'm doing. And then part of me wants to send him our podcast because he wants to hear my voice. And I'm like, Hey, you can hear my voice here.

JENNY C. 11:56

You want to hear me. I have so many things to tell you about Jennifer culture.

JENN T. 12:00

Here's our podcast! And then part of me, today I went to Mount Vernon today, which is where George Washington lived.

JENNY C. 12:07

And had slaves.

JENN T. 12:09

He did have enslaved people. They touched on that. Not enough, I think. But as I told you before we started recording, I think it's sadly only because they just don't have enough information. Which that in and of itself is fucking awful.

JENNY C. 12:23

It's so weird that George Washington didn't record all of the atrocities that happened there.

JENN T. 12:27

Yeah, I guess he was too busy being the tallest man in America, which is really something that they loved to tell us. He was 6'2". And I'm like, wow, are we building his dating app profile? Why do you keep telling me about his fucking height? Hey ladies I'm six two if you're wondering. Is what George Washington's dating app bio would say. Because it matters.

JENNY C. 12:49

No these aren't my teeth.

JENN T. 12:53

So anyway, also my friend and I ate at the Mount Vernon Inn beforehand. And when I tell you that a 20 year old, while there, thought I was 25.

JENNY C. 13:03

She's still got it!

JENN T. 13:04

Gonna dine on that all week. So part of me wants to just write, you're gonna have to do better than that. Today, a 20 year old thought I was 25. And that's it. That's all I'm gonna write. Those are my options. Teachable moment feels like he won't hear me. He'll just hear how annoyed I am. And men can't, you know, oooh she was just an angry bitch or whatever. And I'm like, okay, so the teachable moment won't happen.

JENNY C. 13:28

The teachable moment is, remember your name and then you won't have you know, ask you these questions.

JENN T. 13:35

I don't mind that because there's so many people I've slept with whose names I don't know. That doesn't bother me. You don't need to know the name of a one night stand. Like I had a sex with a guy in LA. I live on the east coast. Like, it's totally fine if nobody remembers anybody's names in that scenario. It's, you know, who gives a shit? That doesn't bother me.

JENNY C. 13:51

But if you want follow up information, you know, you gotta remember!

JENN T. 13:55

I could just write, oh, just Google my name, my first and my last name. Dot dot dot. I do think I like the, you're gonna have to do better than that, today, a 20 year old thought I was 25.

JENNY C. 14:07

That's very good. And also tell him to rate review and subscribe to the podcast.

JENN T. 14:12

Of course, that's implied that's implied.

JENNY C. 14:14

The spirit of Christmas compels you!

JENN T. 14:17

Speaking of which, okay, I'm glad we sorted that out.

JENNY C. 14:20

Speaking of which, Jenn, one of your big interests, besides being named Jennifer and a sassy text message.

JENN T. 14:29

And vampires.

JENNY C. 14:30

And vampires. Oh, how could I forget? And Back to the Future. Are Hallmark slash Lifetime Christmas movies.

JENN T. 14:40

And now I would argue Netflix sort of has dipped their toes into those waters.

JENNY C. 14:45

They've dipped in.

JENN T. 14:46

There's a lot of classic Netflix originals that are clearly sort of in a similar style as these other movies.

JENNY C. 14:53

Yeah. So we thought we would take a trip down Old Candy Cane Lane.

JENN T. 14:57

Oh my goodness. I loved that.

JENNY C. 15:01

And tell you all about... Now this won't be heavy on the spoilers if you haven't seen any of these films, which, whose plots I trust are not predictable. We're just gonna tell you about some of them that feature Jennifer lead characters and then some that star some real life Jennifer's.

JENN T. 15:18

Now, I think I've seen I've definitely seen at least one of these off the top of my head, but I haven't seen all of them. I'm not gonna lie.

JENNY C. 15:29

I have not seen any of these, but I want to go watch several. And we'll see which ones those are.

JENN T. 15:36

How are we going to talk? We'll figure it out.

JENNY C. 15:38

Okay, so our first movie is called Christmas 9 to 5. Sadly, no Dolly Parton appears in this movie. No Jane Fonda, No Lily Tomlin. This is a 2019 Lifetime network movie. IMDb Rating, Jenn, 6.3 out of 10. Not the worst on this list. Not the best. And the description of this movie: Jennifer is a tough crime beat reporter who gets the assignment of her life to find the true meaning of Christmas.

JENN T. 16:12

That is so vague. What a vague... I mean, first of all, she's a crime beat reporter, so that means the true meaning of Christmas has to have a crime element to it. Otherwise, why would the crime beat reporter be tasked with such a thing? Like, we need you, person who writes about murder every week, to find the true meaning of Christmas! And it's like, she's like... Alright, I'm gonna spell sleigh like s-l-a-y.

JENNY C. 16:34

Also, they assume that like a crime beat reporter is just like, all doom and gloom and like business all the time. Like she doesn't have any other interests. Women can be

multi-dimensional, you know. And Jennifer, the lead character is named Jennifer Clark, and she is played by Tiya Sircar, who I have seen on things before. She was on The Good Place.

JENN T. 16:56

Oh, let me look her up.

JENNY C. 16:59

She's a real cutie.

JENN T. 17:00

I do take Dolores Umbridge with this is the assignment of her life?

JENNY C. 17:08

Her assignment of her life, the true meaning of Christmas! Again, we don't know what that meaning is.

JENN T. 17:14

Oh my god. Oh my god. Tiya Sircar was just she's in this show that I'm currently watching on Paramount+ starring Kate Beckinsale called Guilty Party and she plays...

JENNY C. 17:25

Is she a tough crime bear reporter?

JENN T. 17:27

Well, what's funny is that in this show, Kate Beckinsale is a reporter, a disgraced reporter who ends up working for this very annoying blog and Tiya Sircar is one of the bloggers. And she ends up. I'll spoil it for people, so sorry. During the course of this show, she actually ends up killing somebody and starts her own true crime podcast. It's a very, it's a dark comedy.

JENNY C. 17:49

But Tiya, super cute. It also features George Wendt. Who woulda thought.

JENN T. 17:55

Norm!

JENNY C. 17:57

Who would have thought. Everyone else? Unremarkable. Can't, couldn't tell you who they are. Okay, so I'm going to read you a good review, a user review on IMDb, and also a negative review. Now of course, these are subjective, right? These are user reviews. Again, this movie has a user score of 6.3 out of 10, which isn't that bad, actually.

JENN T. 18:17

I'm taking a look really quick before you start, at the rest of the cast to see if I recognize them. Not maybe from Lifetime movies, but Sheila McCarthy is definitely a well known character.

JENNY C. 18:28

Yeah, there's a lot of people and you will see towards the end of our discussion, there's a lot of actors who pop up a lot in the Lifetime and Hallmark universes. So they're familiar faces for sure. Okay, so this is a positive review. This is an 8 out of 10 and this was left by IMDb user rebekahrox with an X.

JENN T. 18:51

rebekahrox with the c-k-s was taken.

JENNY C. 18:57

This review was left-

JENN T. 18:58

Okay, okay. Wait really quick. I also pulled one of her reviews!

JENNY C. 19:03

Rebekah! This is a Rebekah podcast now. Thank you Rebekah.

JENN T. 19:09

Rebekah is a reviewer. A hell of a reviewer. I wonder if it'll be similar.

JENNY C. 19:16

This one is sassy. I like it. Okay.

JENN T. 19:18

Yeah, that's why I chose her.

JENNY C. 19:19

Rebekah gave this an 8 out of 10 last November 9th, 2020. "Nice cast, led by the full of energy Tiya Sircar, a very well reviewed actress and great talent". She's well reviewed. "I suspect that this will be the first and last Christmas movie she will be involved with". I don't know what that means.

JENN T. 19:39

It sounds like she says that this is the last stop in your career, so if you've ended up in a in a holiday movie then maybe this is gonna be the last one.

JENNY C. 19:48

She's gonna rocket all the way to Kate Beckinsale's cable series.

JENN T. 19:53

Guilty party. Yeah, she was.

JENNY C. 19:56

"She was paired with Joe Dinicol, who brings a dorky charm to his role. The mother was delightful as yet uncredited on IMDb," that's some good IMDb shade, "and had one of the funniest lines I remember in a Lifetime Christmas movie. I saw a wreath in cosmetics that looked like a crown of thorns!"

JENN T. 20:17

This kind of delightful. Why is this so funny, am I okay?

JENNY C. 20:23

No, Rebekah agrees. It's very funny. "I had to rewind the DVR to make sure I heard that correctly. Hilarious. The plot was something different. It had a nice twist at the end." But I like it how Rebekah doesn't tell us what the big twist is. She's just like, there's a nice twist.

JENN T. 20:38

This is not her first review. And we know this. Because I also read her reviews.

JENNY C. 20:42

"The big mystery is how a Black woman and a white man could have an Indian daughter. I'm not sure whether ignoring ethnicity is a good thing or a bad thing. Whatever. It's better than #HallmarkSoWhite of days gone by for sure". So little shade on the casting? Maybe not so authentic.

JENN T. 21:02

Wow, Rebekah is quite liberal. And also we can't say for sure that the black actress is not Indian nor can we really say for sure that the white actor is not of Indian descent if I were honest?

JENNY C. 21:13

Or perhaps she was adopted? Perhaps there was a surrogate situation? A donor? We don't know.

JENN T. 21:20

Lots of options Rebekah, but we do appreciate your liberal agenda.

JENNY C. 21:23

We do! We appreciate her speaking truth to Hallmark and um, you know, questioning the status quo, because they just didn't explain why they would have a you know, the casting they had but you know what? All in all, Rebekah liked it. 8 out of 10. Okay. This is a 1 out of 10 score from user render1967.

JENN T. 21:50

I do not have that one. This is like a game of bingo. We're like waiting to see if we have the same people.

JENNY C. 21:56

This is from January 12th 2021. "If Christmas shopping is a kind of, quote tradition for Americans, then I am seriously concerned about the values that this so called, quote, democratic country spreads and imposes in all possible ways and with all possible tools throughout the world". That's the end of the review. The title is "planting false values".

JENN T. 22:26

That was just a review of holiday shopping.

JENNY C. 22:28

It was. I don't know that this movie has anything to do with shopping. Which, um, apparently, according to render1967 is a false value. So, you know...

JENN T. 22:41

I do think that that this happens a lot. You find that on reviews, people are like, this is probably where my political agenda should live. I think it's because they know that people scroll through them a lot. They could maybe get zinged in theory, like they would not really on like social media. They could say whatever the hell they want. Nobody's searching the Amazon/IMDb reviews for their toxic awful language, for example. Anyway, that's just me letting everybody know, hot tip: go be racist in your reviews. No, that's not what I'm saying.

JENNY C. 23:13

No that's not what she's saying. Please doxx her after the show.

JENN T. 23:17

I would I would love to get a letter from anybody, stop by.

JENNY C. 23:21

Yeah, I know your address now, so call me up. Alright, movie number two. Jenn, take it away.

JENN T. 23:27

A New York Christmas Wedding. This is a recent 2020 Netflix. 5.4 out of 10.

JENNY C. 23:35

Not as good as Christmas Nine to Five.

JENN T. 23:38

I didn't even glance at the Slate review that you sent me cause I'm a bad friend. I was too busy staring at where George Washington died. Okay. A Christmas Eve wedding... we've talked about how no one, a) that would be an asshole move. But no one really does that. No one really has a wedding on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. Nor does anyone really have an office holiday party on Christmas Eve, which is also another trope of every single one of these movies where people are like, be with my family? I don't think so. I have to be with Bob at accounting!

JENNY C. 24:11

Yeah. My cousin did get married on New Year's Eve, but he's now getting divorced. So let that be your lesson.

JENN T. 24:18

Now we see why. Um, anyway, so sorry. So Christmas Eve wedding draws near. Jennifer is visited by an angel and shown what could have been if she hadn't denied her true feelings for her childhood best friend. Nia Fairweather is playing Jennifer Ortiz. And in a casting direction that I disagree with wholeheartedly, Chris Noth, aka Big, is a priest.

JENNY C. 24:50

He plays a priest!

JENN T. 24:51

No, I'm sorry.

JENNY C. 24:52

Very interesting choice. I would pit him as the man who punches a priest.

JENN T. 24:58

Yeah, I mean, again, unfortunately, you played Big for 100 seasons, movies, another weird reboot, and we just can't see you as anything other than the guy who broke Carrie's heart repeatedly repeatedly repeatedly.

JENNY C. 25:12

Who sucks a whole lot.

JENN T. 25:14

Yeah. Okay, I'm excited for these reviews.

JENNY C. 25:18

Did you watch this one? Have you seen this one?

JENN T. 25:20

I have not seen this one.

JENNY C. 25:24

So the Slate review that I linked, I don't think we should read it because it really spoils the whole movie. It sounds bonkers, this movie. There's a lot of weird shit in this movie. But it is a rare LGBTQ-centered holiday movie, so we'll give it that, but there's a lot of weird stuff.

JENN T. 25:44

Is it like, because obviously this feels very Christmas Carol-y, right? Some supernatural force comes and shows you how you fucked your life up in some way.

JENNY C. 25:56

Basically she's about to marry a man, and...

JENN T. 26:00

Oh, oh, her childhood best friend's a woman! Oh!

JENNY C. 26:03

Mhm. And she had feelings for her. So it's like, going back and seeing like, if she had told her how she felt what would have happened. What would her life be like?

JENN T. 26:11

Dying to know what role a priest plays in this scenario?

JENNY C. 26:17

I think he's like agreeing to marry them in the alternate universe or something. Um, we'll link to the Slate piece from last December because it sounds... I'm just gonna read you the title of it. It's a review by Christina Cauterucci.

JENN T. 26:36

Oh, I know Christina. I know her and she's from DC. So you've probably seen her as well.

JENNY C. 26:42

Excellent! So from December 4th, 2020. The title is "Ballad of a Flamboyantly Gay Dead Fetus." "Netflix's A New York Christmas Wedding is a wild, howlingly bad, queer holiday movie for the ages."

JENN T. 26:55

I do also know that Christina is queer. So it makes a lot of sense that she would have a lot of investment in this particular motion picture and now is clearly disappointed by it.

JENNY C. 27:06

But I think the thesis of this piece was still that it was a nice piece of trash that made Christina laugh, so.

JENN T. 27:13

That's what you want from your trash, I think.

JENNY C. 27:15

You do. Okay, but what do the people of IMDb have to say about this?

JENN T. 27:19

First of all, the good review is 10 stars and the reviewer's name is JLo. Of course, a Jennifer. It's JLo55606. Sounds like 55,606 people already out there doing that. And it simply reads, "great

movie. Finally, a lesbian movie that has a happy ending. I disliked all the other lesbian movies that ended sad. The girl leaving to go back with a man or someone dies. Great story and beautiful, great message!" Those are the only lesbian stories, either the lesbian leaves and ends up with a man or the lesbian dies.

JENNY C. 27:52

Yeah, sadly like, I mean, that is a lot of representation.

JENN T. 27:56

There's no other options. I don't think I've ever watched a movie where the lesbian character goes and ends up with them, I'm trying to remember like a modern film, but there's nothing I can think of.

JENNY C. 28:05

Well, did you see Happiest Season which came out last year? The Hulu movie?

JENN T. 28:10

Yeah, with Kristen Stewart.

JENNY C. 28:12

Yeah, they ended up together.

JENN T. 28:15

A man? The lesbian doesn't?

JENNY C. 28:16

Oh, no, no, no, I thought you were saying where they don't end up together?

JENN T. 28:21

No, this is saying the girl leaves to go back with a man. I'm like, I've literally never seen any movie where someone's lesbian and they just end up with a guy. Um, of the six lesbian holiday movies in existence. Okay. And now for the one star review by Alexis Logan Brown. And it's not long, but it's not short. It's certainly not what I just read. "I know people think this movie is great because it's an LGBTQ+ Christmas movie, but we can't put a hat on a dog and call it a unicorn". Oh yes, we can. "From the get go, the cinematography made me feel like I was watching a very low budget adult film and the acting was pretty on par to boot."

JENNY C. 29:07

Okay, did someone go to film school or?

JENN T. 29:11

I think so. "The acting in this movie was atrocious, except for maybe two people with very short parts. Also, the only music in this film is some weird, suspenseful, horror movie-esque nonsense that begins in the last 20 minutes of the film and never ends, even in the cheerful moments. And

don't even get me started on Azreal," which is an Angel's name. So I'd have to assume that's the Angel? I do know that off the top of my head. I'm fine. "The premise of the film? Sure. Great. Just change the actors, writers, producers and directors and you've got yourself a Hallmark movie".

JENNY C. 29:46

Wow.

JENN T. 29:48

I do think that I did choose this only because I wanted to say you can't put a hat on a dog and call it a unicorn.

JENNY C. 29:54

I mean, why not have some whimsy in your life Alexa?

JENN T. 29:57

What if you put a hat on a dog that had a horn on it? Then call it a unicorn.

JENNY C. 30:03

Just saying, have a little holiday spirit. Okay.

JENN T. 30:06

I had another very short review really quick because this is one that I was surprised didn't happen more often. I thought this was an odd takeaway, really quick. And it's from mochteam, either mock team or like moch team like mocha. This was two stars. This is what they said. "In this movie, everything heterosexual is wrong. When either of the female characters gets involved with a man, bad things happen to them. Heterosexuality is played in a huge negative light. Only being gay seems to set the main character's life on the right track. Such a low key jab at non-LGBT people". This person thinks that this was an anti-heteronormative propaganda film.

JENNY C. 30:47

I think we need more of those, frankly.

JENN T. 30:50

Crazy, I'm sure that this person has never felt this way about anything else that was just like, oh, seems like this is like very anti LGBTQ+. I'm sure they've never noticed.

JENNY C. 31:00

It's like, oh, I'm sorry. She's happier when she's gay? That's not okay for me.

JENN T. 31:05

Seems like bullshit to me. Anyway, I just wanted to also... I guess I could have just read that one, but I had to do it on a dog and call it a unicorn.

JENNY C. 31:12

I mean, you have to. Okay. All right. This is our number three. This is our oldest movie, clocking in from 2008. This is The Most Wonderful Time of the Year, presented by the Hallmark Channel. And this is a 7.3 out of 10. Which this has, like probably the most reviews out of any of these because it's the oldest one. And people like this movie, okay? Um, so this stars Brooke Burns as Jennifer Cullen.

JENN T. 31:45

Was Brooke Burns a brunette? I'm gonna look her up.

JENNY C. 31:48

You know, in my head. I was thinking of Brooke Burke when I saw the name, but it's not Brooke Burke. But she has a Brooke Burke-esque vibe. I don't know what else she's doing these days. I couldn't tell you why she's famous.

JENN T. 32:03

You know what? I pictured the right girl. She's in a lot of Hallmark movies. I'm quite familiar with her.

JENNY C. 32:10

Also Henry Winkler is in this movie.

JENN T. 32:13

She was married to Bruce Willis. That's who she is. So far all the movies seem to have like, we don't really know who this lady actress is, followed by George Wendt, Chris Noth, Henry Winkler...

JENNY C. 32:27

They have to get a name like as a side character. Henry Winkler plays her uncle Ralph. Okay, so this is a pretty good synopsis of this movie. It's a longer one. So Jennifer Cullen is a single working mom who has become somewhat of a scrooge when it comes to the holiday season. Even her six year old son Brian is having trouble believing in Santa Claus.

JENN T. 32:53

Well, I mean, I do think like if you're a parent, you should try to snap out of it a little bit.

JENNY C. 32:59

When Jen's uncle Ralph, a retired police officer comes to visit for Christmas, he brings along a new friend, a nomad and jack of all trades named Morgan Derby. The two met on a flight and Morgan's plans to continue on to Denver are canceled when he finds out the city is completely snowed in.

JENN T. 33:16

Classic this was back when snow happened. You can't get that nowadays, right. Snowed in, when?

JENNY C. 33:23

And it's like, Henry Winkler is like, yeah, just come home with me. I have a hot niece.

JENN T. 33:28

Can you imagine? Like, I have a child here?

JENNY C. 33:32

Yeah, Jen is wary of the stranger, of course, but at Ralph's request agrees to let him stay the night. Yeah, just have a random man stay with you and your son. But she warms up to Morgan, especially when she sees how he interacts with Brian. Uncle Ralph approves of Morgan too, but Jen's boyfriend Richard isn't nearly as receptive. I wonder why.

JENN T. 33:54

I need to see what who's playing Morgan so I can see what we're dealing with, because I'm obviously picturing one thing.

JENNY C. 34:01

Meanwhile, Morgan has started to really like Jen, but if she can't manage to make Christmas about anything more than business, Morgan will be on his way to Denver.

JENN T. 34:11

We all know that Christmas is the most anti-business holiday of the year!

JENNY C. 34:17

She's a working mom. Uncle Ralph has done what he can to keep Morgan around, but it's going to take something more than that to get him penciled into Jen's long term plans. See how they incorporated her schedule?

JENN T. 34:30

Oh, I certainly did.

JENNY C. 34:31

Jen just needs to learn how to do Christmas, and it turns out Morgan is the perfect one to teach her.

JENN T. 34:38

Two things. The guy that plays Morgan is also another big Hallmark/Lifetime guy and there is a woman in this in this movie, her name is Rita, I don't know what part she plays, but her real name is Jennifer Clement. So technically, this is a double J.

JENNY C. 34:52

Double Jen! I think being a businesswoman and a single mom is fine. And you can celebrate Christmas however you want, Jens of the world, okay? You don't need a handsome stranger to mansplain Christmas to you.

JENN T. 35:05

I do want to say he is very handsome.

JENNY C. 35:09

So you'll give him some credit. Oh yeah. Oh yeah.

JENN T. 35:24

Like if that guy shows up, I'm like, ah, time to find the true meaning of Christmas. Like I'm a crime beat reporter!

JENNY C. 35:30

Teach me a thing or two. Okay. All right. So we have a good review, so again this movie is from 2008. People are still watching it, they're still reviewing it. So this is from September 4th of this year. And the title of this review from frankflipflop. IMDb user frankflipflop gave us an 8 out of 10 and said, "surprisingly pretty darn good. surprisingly funny and surprisingly surprised me". That's just the title. We love Frank. "This Christmas love story had the feel of a real, well-made, top notch, so-called Hollywood movie".

JENN T. 36:17

So-called Hollywood movie. I mean, this is probably shot in so-called Vancouver, if we're honest. That's where literally every single one of these movies is shot.

JENNY C. 36:27

Yeah. "Winkler was hilarious and great and the chemistry felt real, you will not be disappointed at all. And as a matter of fact, you will have" in all caps, "THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!"

JENN T. 36:40

The titular review!

JENNY C. 36:42

We love it. He incorporated the title. Really nailed it there.

JENN T. 36:47

Something I find interesting about these movies, is every single title seems obvious to the point where you're like, how was The Most Wonderful Time of the Year not a holiday movie? How? Like, how did they... A New York Christmas Wedding? Are you telling me those words have never been put together before in a movie? I find it so hard to believe. Either they don't care, and they're just like, fuck copyright, who gives a shit? Or truly somehow they have been like the first ones. It's mind-boggling.

JENNY C. 37:16

It's wild. Well, this one locked it down in 2008. They had to. Because now they're just out of words to use, I think. Okay, counterpoint. This is a 4 out of 10 review. From Davis Pitman, IMDb.

JENN T. 37:32

Two men!

JENNY C. 37:33

frankflipflop, and Davis Pittman, presumably two men, yes.

JENN T. 37:37

Presumably, yeah.

JENNY C. 37:38

All right. The title of this review is Hallmark Channel Christmas movie dot, dot, dot.

JENN T. 37:46

You know what about an ellipses? Ellipses can make anything sexy. Like if you're just like washing the dishes, dot dot. It's like I think she's naked in there. Okay, go ahead.

JENNY C. 38:01

This is from November 25th 2015. "This Hallmark Channel movie is everything you would expect it to be. That's the problem. I was hoping to be surprised and see a film that wasn't a cliched generic classic Hallmark Channel movie".

JENN T. 38:21

Why are you here?! Also Jen-eric.

JENNY C. 38:27

Well, "Henry Winkler is here. So that was kind of cool, I guess".

JENN T. 38:30

Good review of Henry Winkler.

JENNY C. 38:33

Everyone's reviews are just like, Henry Winkler's great, I don't know about the rest, but he was here. "The script was just eh, nothing that's special. The comedy and jokes are not funny. The acting is okay at times and better than okay at a few other times. The main male actor is kind of cute, so that's a plus. Wish there would have been a shirtless scene with him, but then again, it is Hallmark Channel. The main actress did pretty well too. I would have liked to see the lead actress' fiance shirtless too. This movie does have male eye candy. I got kind of bored during the film, and those guys kept me walking away. Ha ha ha ha. The movie is just too cheesy and

generic and unfunny for me, but hey, it's not like it's awful. It's just not good. 4 out of 10 Let's hear it for the cute guys. Winky face."

JENN T. 39:27

It doesn't sound like they were that cute. They couldn't pop them over to a five or six, I don't know.

JENNY C. 39:32

If they had taken their shirts off, I think they would have gotten a five or a six.

JENN T. 39:36

So I can't remember where it was. And I'm also about to not have enough information for you. So the fact that I'm starting this sentence is stupid. I don't remember what I was listening to, a podcast or something. And they had writers on that written like a Hallmark movie or something. And they've mentioned that you always have a shirtless scene. You always have at least one shirtless scene. The formula within these movies requires at least one shirtless scene. They're like in this act, you do this and by this act, you do thos. Do you know what, I think it was Rachel Dratch, who just did that movie with Ana Gasteyer on Comedy Central where they basically made fun of all the holiday movies. It was like Christmas with the something funks or something. And Rachel Dratch was talking about how they had someone who's written Hallmaek movies help them, kind of put the skeletal outline of the script together, because the person was like, you always have this in act one. And by three, you gotta have this, and one of them was just like guy without a shirt.

JENNY C. 40:34

Well, maybe this was, or maybe this was too early before that formula became standard, because it was 2008. Maybe that is a more modern thing?

JENN T. 40:43

Maybe like, this is like, in a post-streaming world. You know, you can kind of do a little more even if it is a Hallmark movie.

JENNY C. 40:50

Yeah, I mean, more people should take their shirts off in general, so I'm fine with that.

JENN T. 40:54

Free the torso! Okay, now this movie I've seen. I wish I could remember any of it. I don't. Remember who you're talking to, someone who's watched a lot of things and has the memory of a goldfish. I keep getting all the modern ones, which I love. Another 2020 for me, and this is some very good wordplay, On the 12th Date of Christmas.

JENNY C. 41:22

Great, great wordplay. Love it.

JENN T. 41:25

The protagonist of the Hallmark Channel movie On the 12th Date of Christmas, is scavenger hunt designer Jennifer. None of these women ever have last names.

JENNY C. 41:32

What a job, too.

JENN T. 41:35

At work, she's forced to team up with app designer Aiden to create a romantic citywide scavenger hunt called the 12 days of Christmas to promote the opening of a new hotel. They seem incompatible at first, but along the way, they discover that their chance of success is greater when working together. And yes, sparks eventually fly.

JENNY C. 41:54

Oh, that shocks me. Do you think designing scavenger hunts comes with a dental plan?

JENN T. 42:03

Probably I mean, this is honestly like an experiential marketing bullshit that my old job would have done and probably did do. This is a very realistic bullshit thing that a stupid hotel would hire some fucking marketing. I sound very bitter right now, but I'm just saying. In general, this kind of shit is just garbage and only like, the worst people participate in and fall for this kind of advertising,

JENNY C. 42:28

Including app designer Aiden!

JENN T. 42:31

What a fucking dummy! Played by Tyler Hines. Mallory Jansen is Jennifer Holloway. That's her last name.

JENNY C. 42:39

Great name. She was on Agents of SHIELD. I know who she is.

JENN T. 42:42

So she is a person too. And sometimes I do think that they're just like, because also from what I've heard about these movies, is they are shot in Vancouver, they put you up in really nice places, like the Four Seasons or something. You're very well taken care of. because Hallmark, I mean I'm sure Lifetime as well, but Hallmark is owned by Crown Media, and Crown Media is an enormous company.

JENNY C. 43:02

They got bank. They got bank and a lot of Christmas sets already like waiting to be used.

JENN T. 43:09

I would argue Vancouver is a Christmas set.

JENNY C. 43:12

I think that's accurate, yeah. And what is the IMDb Rating on this one?

JENN T. 43:16

This is a 7.3 out of 10.

JENNY C. 43:19

Okay, another high one.

JENN T. 43:20

And I have another rather large review but this is my rebekahrox review. She's giving us an eight stars as well. Maybe that's like a favorite number from her.

JENNY C. 43:31

I mean, it takes a lot to get a 10 out of rebekahrox. She watches a lot of movies.

JENN T. 43:35

She's not giving those away.

JENNY C. 43:37

No, you got to earn that.

JENN T. 43:38

She's not a review slut! Anyway. From Rebekah, "at first, our heroine, played by Audrey Hepburn lookalike Mallory Jansen, got on my nerves with her lack of gumption and too sweet personality. At first I thought she was miscast as a girl with a mousy personality when she was so gorgeous. I guess she was really, but the actress did somewhat overcome it with a nice performance". She overcame it?

JENNY C. 44:04

She overcame how beautiful she is.

JENN T. 44:06

I think so! Or overcame the fact that she was being played as mousy. Who can say? "Then to make it worse, Tyler Hines, a favorite of mine, also got on my nerves. He was closed off, antisocial, and not a team player... even though he wanted a promotion to a position that necessitates the opposite of those personality traits."

JENNY C. 44:27

C'mon Aiden.

JENN T. 44:29

I know. "He, on the other hand, was cast perfectly as it usually brings a gruff edge to his roles. I stuck with it though, and I'm glad I did." This is a manifesto. "As Aiden and Jennifer started to work through their differences, and he learned to work with her, appreciating her talent, their opposite personalities added to their chemistry. Quite early on, Jennifer started to be more assertive so it did not descend into a never ending frustration for me."

JENNY C. 44:52

Thank God.

JENN T. 44:54

We're worried about how this is gonna affect Rebekah. "This was well written with an interesting subplot of Aiden's family home needing repairs he couldn't afford, in a very clever scavenger hunt through Chicago that the two were working on together, definitely well above average". Now, I do think that it's impossible to review anything without bringing in your personal feelings, but I do find it questionable if the review is really how it made you feel and how it affected you personally. Yes, you as a human being is going to come through any sort of review, but to say things like, I don't like this movie, it got on my nerves, and it's like, it's not a bad movie, because you didn't like it that way. Things are objectively good or bad, maybe.

JENNY C. 45:34

However, still an 8 out of 10 for Rebekah, so I mean, she's a tough critic, but she's willing to, you know, give them the points for trying.

JENN T. 45:44

I just loved how deep into it she got and also just how annoyed she was and how much she clearly seems to love the genre.

JENNY C. 45:52

She thinks it rox.

JENN T. 45:55

Okay, so a bad review from STMQQFU. Two stars. "Somebody at the Hallmark Channel must have been on the naughty list, hence this lump of coal of a Christmas movie. At least coal can be burned to keep you warm, which makes it more desirable than this movie, as there is no warmth or chemistry between our leads. Cliche plot, lackluster subplot featuring an old home and lack of repair funds. I'd rather be waterboarded with last year's eggnog than have to watch this again."

JENNY C. 46:28

Whoa.

JENN T. 46:30

Not a lot of people know this, but every December the CIA actually does switch to eggnog to do all of their waterboarding as part of a fun thing.

JENNY C. 46:42

And it's like more green. They're like waste not, want not. Bring us your old eggnog. We'll ruin someone's life with it.

JENN T. 46:49

We've got the head of a terrorist here, but I think we could still be festive. Yeah, um, so yeah, anyway, I only like that one for the very last line. See, I feel like you found some really funny ones. But there aren't that many reviews I've noticed on IMDb.

JENNY C. 47:05

Yeah, there's just some and it depends.

JENN T. 47:10

The older ones have better ones.

JENNY C. 47:15

I think people are more prone to write reviews in other places now than IMDb. But they look at IMDb to be like who's that guy in that thing.

JENN T. 47:23

Well, I switched over to Amazon for one of them because there were none on IMDb.

JENNY C. 47:27

Oh yeah. Well, those were fun. I would watch some of those. And I think if you're looking for super original non-cliches, why are you watching a Christmas movie on the Hallmark or Lifetime movie network?

JENN T. 47:40

At this point, I mean, there are people who take them very, very, very seriously.

JENNY C. 47:44

Sure. And I know some of them are way better than others, and have more interesting, you know, characters or plot lines. But like, we know what we're getting when we watch these movies, you know? I'm fine with it.

JENN T. 47:57

I'm fine with it. I love them. I call them, I told you this before, I can't remember if I've said it on the podcast, but I refer to these films as idyllic porn. Because, and again, and they are, it is Hallmark so white, Lifetime so white, and all that jazz, unfortunately. Although they are doing a lot better. I think Netflix at the very least is doing a much better job of having not just white-filled holiday movies. But, you know, it's always in some beautiful city, which feels, again it is Vancouver, but it's always like New England somewhere or whatever, you know, everybody's got

real straight white smile, glossy everything. Someone's wearing a different coat every day, which I find to be fascinating. What is their coat closet? It's out of fucking control, I imagine.

JENNY C. 48:44

I have two winter coats. One for when it's cold and one for when it's fucking cold. That's it.

JENN T. 48:50

I have like a black and a brown. So if I'm wearing like an outfit that's black I wear the black one, obviously. Or something that makes more sense for a black or a brown coat.

JENNY C. 48:58

Yeah, reasonable. We love a color scheme. We also have a few movies that don't have Jennifer characters but star Jennifers.

JENN T. 49:07

Yes, so I watched this movie a few days ago. It's technically kind of a Thanksgiving film but they also talk about Christmas a lot. And it's called *Holidaze*, it stars Jenny Garth. It was from 2012, I think it was probably originally an ABC movie maybe but it's currently on Hulu. And it's got a 5.8 out of 10, but I would argue great acting. Great fun acting. I am not even kidding when I tell you that there was some very interesting choices being made in this motion picture by Jenny Garth and by Cameron Matheson who is also a Hallmark movie staple.

JENNY C. 49:43

I need to look that person up. That name sounds familiar.

JENN T. 49:46

If you've watched a lot of or any Hallmark movies at all, you've come across Cameron Matheson for sure. I believe he's in he's in one of the Hallmark mystery shows a lot. The one with the Aurora Teagarden, which is Candace Cameron and not the garage sale mysteries, because I believe that was Lori Loughlin, rip.

JENNY C. 50:08

Garage sale mystery! She's not dead. Um, oh, I don't know what this is. But he has a very classically soap opera face.

JENN T. 50:18

Yeah, square jaw, dimple on the chin. He's a man's man. Like, if you put him up in something in the 1960s, I'd go, yeah.

JENNY C. 50:24

He's modeling, like a polo shirt in a Kohl's catalog for sure.

JENN T. 50:29

Yeah, he looks like a mad man. So the very short premise of this movie is that a corporate workaholic wakes up in an alternate universe married to her childhood sweetheart. And I told you, I think a little bit about this movie. Or no, maybe I told my friend Kaylee earlier today while on the tour. And it's about Jenny Garth is like very high up in this company. It's like a Walmart style company. And they're trying to open up this, I think it's called Save A Lot or something who gives a shit. And they're opening one in her hometown, which is small. So of course, she's tasked with going there and convincing everyone that it makes sense to bring this corporate overlord in to shut down all of your small businesses, one of which is run by her own mother, which is a bummer. Her mother has a little tea shop. And she and Cameron Matheson were high school sweethearts, as this says, and while she's there, obviously she's got to stay there a couple days longer than usual, for whatever reason. And while there, she accidentally falls and hits her head. And when she wakes up, she's no longer single corporate Jenny. She's now married to Cameron, and it's like she had never left her hometown. So you know, the lesson that she will learn is that, had you given up your corporate money making dreams, and also, this is a sassy movie, because she's someone who sleeps around a lot. They show her having as much sex as you've ever seen. So I don't think this is a classic, wherever it started, wasn't like a Hallmark or a Lifetime. Because she's like sleeping with a bunch of like, her deal is that she doesn't have relationships, she sleeps with a bunch of men whenever she wants it. I'm like, did I write this movie?

JENNY C. 52:04

Pretty good deal.

JENN T. 52:07

And then of course, it's like, ah, you should have just stayed behind and married your high school sweetheart, you dummy, instead of having a great job that pays a lot and now she's about to get a promotion to a job that would take her somewhere internationally, but instead, she's gonna like, go home and open up a bed and breakfast with Cameron.

JENNY C. 52:23

They're like, hey, here's the thing. Just get a head injury, everything will be fine.

JENN T. 52:28

So yeah, so that's the movie.

JENNY C. 52:30

That sounds cute. It's cute.

JENN T. 52:31

Yeah, I mean, it's fun because Jenny Garth, you know, after all these years still great. And you know, I can't separate her from 90210. So I kind of wonder... I'm gonna read the bad review first, because that's the one that I had to translate from German and it's kind of not that great. I liked the good review better. Kira in Germany, this is three stars because it was Amazon, just said "well, with a lot of goodwill for the good old days, who didn't laugh and suffer with Jenny Garth

on Beverly Hills 90210. Those who don't remember from the 90s probably find little reference to her figure in this movie". So basically, this is a review for Jenny Garth. Yeah, only gave her three stars. And then my favorite review in all the land, five stars from Christina. "Great movie should be on DVD". That's it.

JENNY C. 53:19

Okay. I like it.

JENN T. 53:20

Great movie. Love to have the hard copy in my hand if I can. So I urge people to watch this movie, genuinely. It is delightful. Cameron Matheson is unlike, I can't believe I'm about to say this, unlike I've ever seen him. He's so charming and delightful. I'm angry that he doesn't get to be this fun and any other like Hallmark vehicle I've seen him in. This is fun!

JENNY C. 53:46

Silly. I like it.

JENN T. 53:48

Yeah, so that's Holidaze.

JENNY C. 53:55

Christmas isn't canceled and neither is Jen Lilley, who is a big time Hallmark- is she exclusively Hallmark or is it also Lifetime? I know that she probably has like contracts with a certain network.

JENN T. 54:12

I mean, she probably like, old school style, I do think they make these people sign contracts like they used to do in like the 30s with like, being part of a studio.

JENNY C. 54:20

She's got a six picture deal with Paramount Pictures.

JENN T. 54:23

Exactly.

JENNY C. 54:24

So Jen Lilley, is like, I don't know, the modern queen of Christmas besides Mariah Carey. She's in so many Christmas movies. And she does a lot of awesome fundraising also for worthy causes on her social media and stuff with other Hallmark Channel people. So you know, hat tip for that, for doing good work. But she is also... I only picked two because she's in a lot of these movies and she has been in Christmas movies for a while. So the first one is called USS Christmas.

JENN T. 55:02

Again, how is that... that seems so obvious to me.

JENNY C. 55:06

If you Google it, like one of the questions that come up for search terms are "is the USS Christmas real?"

JENN T. 55:13

You know, as someone who works for an SEO content style website, that's something I would have had to have answered. And I would have had to have squeezed 500 words out of the question is the USS Christmas real?

JENNY C. 55:24

And the answer is, it's not. It was filmed, but it was filmed in Dawson's Creek land, Wilmington, North Carolina. So the synopsis of this is Maddie, a reporter for Norfolk newspaper embarks on a tiger cruise during Christmas time, where she meets a handsome naval officer and stumbles upon a mystery in the ship's archive room.

JENN T. 55:46

Are we supposed to know what a tiger cruise is?

JENNY C. 55:48

Apparently?

JENN T. 55:50

They say it like, you know, it's a tiger cruise!

JENNY C. 55:52

It's in capital letters. Like we're supposed to know what that is. Probably someone in the military knows what that is.

JENN T. 55:59

I'm gonna Google Tiger cruise and see if anything not upsetting comes up. Tiger cruise Navy is coming up. A Tiger Cruise is an American naval voyage that allows civilians to accompany a seagoing Navy vessel. Okay. Okay.

JENNY C. 56:13

So that's what she's doing at Christmas time. So this stars Jen Lilley, as Maddie Contino, the reporter, and Trevor Donovan as Lieutenant Billy Jenkins, who's a real Grinch, but something tells me he's gonna turn it around. And I didn't look up specific reviews, but I'm just gonna read you the titles of some of them from the user reviews. So it has a 6.7 out of 10 on IMDb.

JENN T. 56:38

Oh, wait, can I show you Trevor Donovan really quick?

JENNY C. 56:41

I know what he... He was on the 90210 reboot. Speaking of 90210.

JENN T. 56:46

He's not my type. But I wouldn't be mad if he was like in my bed next to me.

JENNY C. 56:50

Not my type either. But yeah, he's very chiseled.

JENN T. 56:54

Yeah. Got a lot of blue eyes and a lot... Okay, wait, one more without a shirt.

JENNY C. 56:59

I mean, as the reviewers say, just take your shirt off. Okay.

JENN T. 57:03

Yep. Remember, free the torso. He's got the V. This got hornier than I intended.

JENNY C. 57:09

So some of the titles of reviews. This is a 7 out of 10 review. "It produces what it intended to."

JENN T. 57:19

Well, finally someone who gets it. This is what it was intended to do.

JENNY C. 57:23

Yeah, apparently, what it intended was a cutesy Christmas story. Um, another 7 out of 10 review is called "Hello, sailor!"

JENN T. 57:34

Is there one that's just the lyrics to In the Navy by the Village People?

JENNY C. 57:38

This is my favorite. This is a another 7 out of 10, popular review rating. "It is believable that a woman can wear a good man down and this film proves it".

JENN T. 57:49

I mean, isn't that what we're all trying to do? I'm actually just trying to wear men down in general. They don't have to be good, bad, or anything?

JENNY C. 57:56

They're just, they're present.

JENN T. 57:58

General wearing down of all men.

JENNY C. 58:03

Okay, and then finally, we want to get to your favorite. Is this your favorite of this genre?

JENN T. 58:13

When this motion picture came out... It is from 2015 and I saw it when it was released into the world, and I have never in my life seen a more beautiful actor and I think that is like, fine, whatever. Trevor Donovan is whatever Trevor Donovan is, but he's he's not my guy. The actor in this movie. It is called The Spirit of Christmas. And I remember coming into my office and saying to everybody, you have to watch this movie, please. I know you all make fun of me. I know every year I do a big guide to the Hallmark movies and literally no one watches them. But please listen to me. This is the one. The premise is 12 days before Christmas, Kate is trying to close the sale of a historic inn, only to find Daniel, the ghost of a man who died a century ago. And he needs her help to unravel the mystery of his annual holiday haunting.

JENNY C. 59:18

So when I saw this movie description, this is how this episode came to be. Because I saw this description and I was like, this combines literally all of our interests.

JENN T. 59:28

Yeah, and I don't know if you looked this guy up, but I'm gonna just pop a photo up for you if I may. I mean, the beard could be a little smaller, but that's him.

JENNY C. 59:39

I mean, yeah.

JENN T. 59:41

I mean, he's beautiful, just like in the world, out in the world as a person, but when you put him in a movie that generally has men that look like they're a little like, off brand men.

JENNY C. 59:54

Kohl's catalog men!

JENN T. 59:55

Yeah like, like if you squint, you're like, ah, I can see what we're doing right now, but like you know, when you have your eyes wide and ready to receive, you're like, there's something a little... it's like those 3d when you would go to the mall and you'd have to squint at the thing and then a dolphin would appear? That's what those guys are.

JENN T. 1:00:13

Magic eye boyfriends.

JENN T. 1:00:14

Yeah if you give your angle and your eyes the right squint and the right tilt, you're going to find out where they're handsome, but not this guy.

JENNY C. 1:00:23

And he plays a ghost!

JENN T. 1:00:24

This guy plays a ghost. And it does it does another one of my little tropes. My favorite trope where, once again, 12 days before Christmas, this woman has to be at this like, her boss is yelling at her to like seal this deal. And she's up in this snowed in inn. And you know, one day a year this guy can appear in like a corporeal form, and the whole town knows about it. Everybody's fine with it.

JENNY C. 1:00:52

Don't spoil it because I am gonna watch it.

JENN T. 1:00:54

Okay, it does get rather crazy. It does take a turn where you're like, oh, this is so much more serious than I thought it was gonna be. Um, but you know, it's beautiful. It's as all of these things are generally, in some sort of inn or bed and breakfast. Lots of snow and he's just so hot and looking like he's selling you newspapers in the 1920s the whole time.

JENNY C. 1:01:17

His name is Thomas Beaudoin. And of course, it stars a brunette Jen Lilley as Kate, the lead character.

JENN T. 1:01:26

I like her as a brunette. She's blonde in any other... and also I just want to show you that I do already follow Thomas on Instagram and have for the past six years. I'm afraid to look at my messages because I do worry that I drunkenly messaged him once. I'm not gonna take a look at that. But that is how attracted to this human being slash ghost that I have been.

JENNY C. 1:01:50

And it checks a lot of boxes. It has a 6.5 on IMDb.

JENN T. 1:01:54

That could not be more incorrect. That could not be more incorrect. When I tell you... Now, I do want to point out, not that I should, we should, you know, promote other podcasts but I do want to say, How Did This Get Made did this movie, and I was like... it was one of those times where I was like... how could they do this?

JENNY C. 1:02:17

You're like this is art. This is my horny art set in the snow. How dare you.

JENN T. 1:02:26

Now we have to do an episode called How Did This Get Made, How Did This Get Made?

JENNY C. 1:02:30

Why did you do this, How Did This Get Made?

JENN T. 1:02:33

But it's like so you listen to our podcast, watch this movie, then listen to their podcast, make a nice podcast sandwich for yourself.

JENNY C. 1:02:39

Have a cup of hot cocoa. Invite a ghost.

JENN T. 1:02:44

It's so good.

JENNY C. 1:02:45

Yeah. I totally believe you.

JENN T. 1:02:46

I love it so much. I'm gonna watch it again.

JENNY C. 1:02:49

I mean, if there's a sexy ghost, I'm on board. I'm there.

JENN T. 1:02:52

God, he's so sexy. And the fact okay, I feel... here's how I feel about this shit. The same way I feel about, I'm gonna bring it up again, I'm sorry, vampire movies is the reluctance of women to just be into attractive men. And I'm not saying like, because these guys are never terrible. It's one thing to be like...

JENNY C. 1:03:10

They're boring, usually. Right?

JENN T. 1:03:12

Sure. But beauty will carry you pretty far for a minute. But they're always like, ugh, no. And I'm like, are you looking at this guy's face? Sure he's a ghost, but... are you looking?

JENNY C. 1:03:23

No, they're too worried about business. They have business.

JENN T. 1:03:27

I know. But there's lots of business. Getting down to business. And like, and the same thing of vampires, where people are like, ugh being a vampire sounds awful. Like, are you fucking

kidding me? Like, the amount of resistance that some people in film and television have to becoming a vampire is shocking. So yeah, just fuck these hot people right away, become a vampire. That's your holiday.

JENNY C. 1:03:49

Happy holidays. We did it. Yeah, so now you have some great movies to watch. Jennifer movies. There's also a new Jennifer Coolidge Netflix movie came out. Single All The Way, which I've heard is very cute.

JENN T. 1:04:04

Sure, it looks fine. But also I've learned in my life to never trust a trailer because most of the time they could not be less accurate in terms of what you're about to get. It's Jennifer Coolidge, I'm gonna watch it obviously.

JENNY C. 1:04:17

Yeah, she's gonna be there. That's what matters.

JENN T. 1:04:19

So we're still doing our gift guide, and when I say we, I do mean Jenny. I will text her one thing and then be like yeah,

JENNY C. 1:04:26

Yeah, if you haven't seen on our Instagram, we have a few posts now up about a holiday gift guide from Jennifer makers and authors and creators, some of whom have been on the podcast, some who haven't. And I had one person tell me that they bought one of the things we recommended, so that was very cool.

JENN T. 1:04:44

Thank you! Because I've only recommended one.

JENNY C. 1:04:48

I use the royal we when I speak on our social media. And I know tiny stitches by Jen has sold a bunch of stuff. I don't know if it's because of us, but I know we drove some traffic her way, which is cool because she's awesome. And so yeah, we're happy. If you need last minute gifts or you just want to buy yourself a present, I'm done holiday shopping so I'm just buying myself shit now and it's great.

JENN T. 1:05:12

My mom and I limited ourselves for the first time this year and I hate to sound like a spoiled bitch. But this is the first time I'm not gonna have like a ton of presents. I know I sound terrible, please. I get it, but I'm also like, wow. There's no way to come out of this not looking like a piece of shit but whatever. I'm here. I'm in it to win it baby.

JENNY C. 1:05:33

It's Christmas. We love it. And we can't wait to see you all again some more in the new year.

JENN T. 1:05:39

Yes, I agree. And guess what, as as promised, here's the... I'm gonna do it.

JENNY C. 1:05:44

Oh, you saved the post it note!

JENN T. 1:05:47

Here's the post it note. So here we go. If you guys want to find us on Twitter, it's @TooManyJsPod. You can find us on Instagram @TooManyJennifers and if you want to send us an email, we love reading. It's TooManyJennifersPod@gmail.com. And Jenny where can you find us?

JENNY C. 1:06:06

I think you can find us riding Santa's sleigh... at the mall!

(Upbeat music)

Too Many Jennifers,

Jenns Galore.

There are:

One million, five hundred fifty-five thousand, three hundred and four

According to the latest Census.

Like, whoa.

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