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Review

"As time goes by, this will become more popular because everyone has gone through life's troubles like George Bailey."

From the Author

Rediscover Frank Capra's masterpiece like never before. Stuffed like a Christmas stocking, this handsome new gift-book takes you behind the snowy scenes of the magical movie...and it may just have you believing in angels. A truly American tradition for countless millions, "It's a Wonderful Life" has become as much a part of the holiday season as the man in the red suit himself. Celebrate the holidays with this unique Memory Book. You'll find out what happened to the cast (Didn't you always wonder whatever became of Bobbie Anderson who played "young George Bailey" and Karolyn Grimes who was "Zuzu"?) and feast on rare unpublished photographs, including amazing full color, and recently discovered images depicting snipped scenes from the movie. Even better, you'll uncover Capra's brilliant "lost ending." As Clarence the guardian angel warned George Bailey: "You'll see a lot of strange things from now on." Hee Haw! And Merry Christmas!! Steve Cox

About the Author

STEPHEN COX is a freelance writer who has written more than a dozen books on film and television, including *The Munchkins of Oz*, *Here's Johnny!*, *The Abbott & Costello Story*, *The Addams Chronicles*, and *The Beverly Hillbillies*.

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