

“It’s a Wonderful Life” still moves us after 75 years

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“It’s a Wonderful Life” is many people’s favorite Christmas movie. Its humor, romance and hopefulness are juxtaposed with dark undertones that counteract the saccharine nature of much of the holiday season. (Plus, it has a terrific villain in the banker Mr. Potter.) The film made its debut 75 years ago today, and even though it wasn’t a box office hit at first, it’s since become a seasonal staple. Michael Willian, the author of “The Essential It’s A Wonderful Life — 75th Anniversary Edition: A-Scene-By-Scene Guide To The Classic Film,” notes that the movie and its message about the value of our individual lives can appeal to multiple generations.

