

Film Title and Release Date: *Logan Lucky* (2017)

Film Length in Minutes: 129 minutes

Film Genre: Comedy/Heist

Reviewed Name and Grade: Yujay A. 8th Grade

Date Reviewed: July 18, 2020

Logan Lucky takes place in West Virginia in the present day. Jimmy Logan gets fired from his job of doing construction underneath the Charlotte Motor Speedway. Jimmy visits his young daughter, who is in custody of Jimmy's ex-wife and her rich husband. Jimmy's ex-wife explains that they are moving to open a new car dealership in Virginia. Jimmy goes to the bar that his brother, Clyde Logan works at. Clyde lost his arm while serving in Iraq, but manages to have a job as a bartender. Jimmy explains his plan to rob the Charlotte Motor Speedway. Jimmy explains that there is a tube that carries all the cash earned from the races to a vault that they can rob. Clyde reluctantly agrees and the pair recruit Joe Bang, a safe-cracker who is in jail for breaking into vaults and stealing money, their sister Mellie, and Joe's two unintelligent brothers. Clyde drives a car through a building on purpose, not hurting anyone and not causing too much damage, to get himself into the same prison as Joe. This is to break Joe out, and to give them an alibi in case of suspicion. However, while Jimmy is scouting out the stadium under the cover of visiting his old job, he learns that construction was finished ahead of schedule and that the group will have to rob the much bigger race one week earlier than planned. Joe and Clyde ask an inmate to stage a prison riot, and Joe pretends to get sick so that he and Clyde can escape through the much less guarded medical wing. Mellie drives the pair to the stadium where Joe's brothers disable the credit card scanners, so that everyone will have to use cash. They meet up with Jimmy, and Joe uses a makeshift explosive to take out the locked gate to the tube room. They disconnect the tube and suck all the money into large garbage bags. Joe's brothers take the money to Jimmy's truck and Clyde and Joe sneak back into the prison, nobody suspecting that they were gone during the chaos. Jimmy leaves the money and anonymously informs the police where it is. The rest of the group is mad, but it turns out Jimmy kept a few trash bags, and he gives them out to the group. The FBI starts an investigation, but between the lack of evidence, the money being returned and the prison warden not reporting the riot, the investigation is closed. Jimmy gets a new job and buys a house near his daughter.

How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?

I found the film through casual browsing through the popular section.

Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested?

The plot kept me very interested and there were a lot of plot twists that kept you attentive.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?

The pace of the film was just right, with a lot of action, but still leaving enough time to process all the information.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?

The film is appropriate for grade levels 8 and up, as there is mild violence, drinking, and language.

I would rate Logan Lucky 5 stars, as it had a very captivating plot, a lot of action, and a lot of humor. The actors were very good and portrayed their characters well. I really liked this movie and would definitely recommend watching it.

Reviewer's Name and Grade: Benjamin W., 9th grade

Date Reviewed: September 9, 2020

This film takes place in West Virginia which is where the main characters live. It also takes place in North Carolina which is where they plan to make their robbery.

Jimmy Logan works as a construction worker at Charlotte Motor Speedway until he gets fired because of his bad knee. While working there, he came up with an elaborate plan to steal the money earned from the races. The money travels through tubes which empties into a bank vault. Because of the construction going on, the seismic sensors have been turned off which will allow him to blow his way into the vault. The construction site also allows for a direct way to reach the vault without going through security. For help, he goes to his brother Clyde who lost his hand while serving in Iraq. The two of them then visit their friend Joe Bang in prison and explain how they need his help to break into the vault. Joe agrees as long as his two brothers could help him and get a share of the money. A week later, Clyde purposely drives his car into a store and gets sentenced to 90 days of prison in the same one Joe is in. This is to help Joe escape as well as to give him an alibi in case he is seen at the motorway. Jimmy meanwhile goes back to the construction site to study the stadium. There he finds out that the construction is ending a week early and that he will have to push the robbery up one week. Unfortunately, that is the week of the Coca-Cola 600, the biggest race of the year. However, they still go ahead with the plan. Clyde and Joe escape from prison through a staged prison riot and get shuttled to the motorway by Jimmy's sister Mellie. Joe's two brothers set off a small bomb to disable all motorway employee cards and they all meet up at the vault. There, all the money is for their taking and it's up to them to steal it and not get caught.

Now, I will answer some questions about the film:

How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)? - I found this film through title search because my friend recommended it to me.

Did the plot keep you interested? - This plot definitely kept me interested. There was a lot of action and plot twists throughout the film. The film was also really funny and the characters all had a funny accent when they talked.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right? - I think the pace of this film was just right. There was a lot of action but there was still time to understand everything.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for? - I think this film is appropriate for kids in grades 8-12. There is cursing, some violence, and drinking so it wouldn't be appropriate for younger kids. Older kids will find this film very entertaining.

I would rate this film *5 stars*. The plot was really good and the actors did a great job. The film was really funny and entertaining. Everything was clear except for a part about cockroaches but it wasn't that important to the overall plot.

Reviewer Name and Grade: Ethan T., 8th Grade

Date Reviewed: March 17, 2021

The film "Logan Lucky," takes place in the present day in West Virginia, and North Carolina. It is about a man named Jimmy, who decides to commit a robbery after getting fired from his construction job at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Jimmy needs to recruit people to commit the robbery. He starts off by getting his brother, Clyde, who is a one armed bartender. Clyde takes some convincing but

eventually agrees. They then both go to recruit Joe Bang, a man in prison for the use of explosives. After that they recruit their sister Mellie, and Joe Bangs brothers, who aren't the most intelligent people. Jimmy's plan is a brilliant one. While he was doing construction he found out how the money was moved around at the speedway. He finds that they are moved through tubes that all lead to the main bank. For the first part of the plan he has Clyde drive his car intentionally into a gas station so he can end up in jail with Joe, where they will both escape together. Unexpectedly Jimmy finds out that the race will be happening earlier, and all their plans are pushed up by two weeks. This race is a much bigger one, the most attended and money making race of the year. It starts off with Joe and Clyde creating a fake riot in prison as a distraction, so they can easily slip out without being noticed. Meanwhile Joe's two brothers set off a bomb to disable credit cards, so that all customers have to use cash. Jimmy gets in through the construction site and they all meet at the tubes. They proceed to break the lock to the gate that leads to the tubes with a homemade bomb. They put all the money in garbage bags and bring it to Jimmy's truck. Jimmy then mysteriously leaves his truck in a gas station parking lot, where the police will find all the money. This is to deter the detectives, and to make them think that they already found all the stolen money. In reality they had another load of garbage bags which he distributed to the group. The FBI investigates but they don't have enough evidence, and can't make any arrests.

How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?

I found this film just by looking through the popular movies. I had also heard of it from other people.

Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested?

The plot in this story kept me extremely interested. The plot was engaging and the dialogue between the characters was entertaining.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?

The pace of the film was perfect. It had a nice flow to it, and everything was put together nicely. It was the perfect mix of talking and planning, and action.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?

This film is good for anyone 8th grade and up.

I would rate this film 5 stars. It had a great mix of humor and action. The characters were funny, and they all had great backstories. The movie was clear and easy to understand, while still having twists. The acting and directing was also good.