

**Film Title and Release Date:** *Go Back to China* (2020)

**Length of Film in Minutes:** 96 minutes

**Film Genre:** Drama

**Reviewer's Name and Grade:** Benjamin W., 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

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This film starts off in Los Angeles, California. The main character is a rich spoiled girl who spends her time shopping and at parties. When she goes back to China, she ends up living in a small town called Shenzhen.

Sasha Li has gone to designer school but hasn't had any experience working. When she blows through half her trust fund, her dad cuts her off and forces her to go back to China to work at their family owned factory. There, she joins her sister Carol and two younger siblings to make toys for the family. She is disgusted to find out that her father's latest girlfriend is near her age and that he had had affairs while still married to his previous wives. Although not happy, she still goes on to work and eventually gets a desk job. While attending a sales meeting, she finds out that her dad's toys are outdated so she takes the two designers on a trip to Hong Kong to find out the latest fashion trends. She designs a new Christmas toy collection which her father approves and it ends up selling well. Then thinking it would make it better, Sasha orders the scarves for the toys to be changed into sequin ones. She had no idea that the company had stopped using them because they posed a choking hazard. Her father decides to go on with the product but a child does choke on it. After her dad stops yelling at her, Sasha decides to leave and go back to L.A. In the process, she encourages Carol to leave the company and become independent. At L.A., she must find a way to fix the problem she created and maybe get a job.

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 casual search. It was the first film I found in Newly Added Movies that had a rating of 4 stars and wasn't rated R.

*Did the plot keep you interested?* - This plot definitely kept me interested. The plot was really funny and it made me laugh and want more. There were a couple of plot twists that kept me wondering what would happen next.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?* - I think the pace of this film was just right. There wasn't really any action except for fights with words but the film moved along well without it becoming too slow and boring. Events like sales meetings and family conversations kept the pace up.

*What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?* - I think this film is appropriate for kids in grades 7-12. There's some cursing and drinking and the dad's a pervert so this wouldn't be appropriate for younger kids. Older kids would understand the situation better and would find this film funnier.

Rating:

I would rate this film *4 stars*. The plot was really good and the actors did a great job. Everything was clear and well described so I wasn't confused about anything. The plot was really funny and kept me entertained the entire time. I thought that this film could be made a little funnier to make it more interesting.