

Film Title and Release Date: *The Saint* (1997)

Length of Film in Minutes: 117 minutes

Film Genre: Action/Romance

Reviewer's Name and Grade: Benjamin Wu, Grade 9

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Simon Templar, known as the Saint for his use of Catholic saints as aliases, is an international thief who will steal anything for the big bucks. His latest assignment gets him into conflict with Russian oil billionaire Ivan Tretiak, in which he steals a microchip from. When Tretiak learns of the heist, he decides to hire Simon as he had seen what his abilities were first-hand. He pays him to steal a revolutionary cold-fusion formula that could create clean and cheap energy. With this formula, Tretiak plans to monopolize the energy market in Russia and overthrow the Russian president. Using the aliases "Thomas More", Simon seduces American scientist Emma Russel and steals the formula from her. However, when Tretiak receives the formula, he discovers that it is incomplete and orders his son, Ilya, to kill Simon. Emma, once she learned of the theft, reports it to a pair of inspectors at Scotland Yard. She then travels to Russia to track him down. She finds Simon in a hotel in Moscow but is arrested, along with him, by Russian police who are loyal to Tretiak. The pair of them escape and travel through the sewer system to the U.S. embassy. Ilya is waiting for them but Simon allows himself to be caught in order for Emma to escape. Even with Ilya and a bunch of his henchmen guarding him, Simon is able to escape and plant listening devices in Tretiak's room. He learns that Tretiak is going to sell the cold fusion formula to the Russian president and then frame him for wasting billions of dollars on useless technology. Simon tells Emma to complete the formula and delivers it to the president, who has his scientist create a light producing machine. When Tretiak makes his public accusations against the president, he produces the machine and Tretiak gets arrested.

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 browsing. It was in the Newly Added Movies section.

*Did the plot keep you interested?* - This plot definitely kept me interested. There was a lot of action and suspense throughout the entire film. There was an air of uncertainty as you never knew what the Saint would look like or what he would do.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?* - I think the pace of this film was just right. There were fights, chases, and times of peace all mixed together that prevented the film from moving too fast or too slow.

*What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?* - I think this film is appropriate for kids in grades 7-12. There are some deaths, drug use, violence, and love scenes that wouldn't make this film appropriate for younger kids. Older kids would find this film interesting and the plot easier to follow.

I would rate this film *5 stars*. The plot was really good and intriguing. It was kind of like a James Bond film without all the girls, suits, and gadgets. The actors and actresses did a great job playing their parts. The film was also very realistic, without a completely crazy plot and stunts that wouldn't be possible.