

Film Title and Release Date: *The Italian Job* (1969)

Length of Film: 100 minutes

Film Genre: Action/Comedy

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

Date Reviewed: July 5, 2020

This film takes place in a city in Italy called Turin. The city is always jammed with traffic and is very loud. The characters also end up in the Italian Alps a couple of times.

Charlie Croker has just left prison when he meets with the wife of his friend and fellow criminal Roger Beckermann. He was the victim of a car crash but had left plans behind for a huge robbery with his wife. Charlie decides to use the plan but needs the help of a well equipped gang. He goes to Mr. Bridger for supplies. Once Mr. Bridger finds out that Charlie plans to steal \$3,000,000 in gold, he immediately provides the funding. The plan calls for Birkinshaw to disable all the security cameras on the streets. Then Professor Peach, a computer expert, will reprogram Turin's computerised traffic control. This will lead to a huge traffic jam where Charlie and his gang will overpower the gold convoy and steal the gold truck. They will then load the gold into 3 Mini Coopers and escape through a carefully planned route with no traffic at all. If all goes well, all members of the gang should meet up in a bus that will take them and their gold up into the Alps.

Charlie Croker is a criminal who is careful and the leader of the gang who steals the gold. His funding comes from Mr. Bridger who runs an entire gang empire from prison. He is able to put together money and people through his contacts. Charlie's gang includes Professor Peach, Birkinshaw, three getaway drivers, Big William, and many others to help attack the gold convoy.

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 by subject search. I wanted to watch a war and action film and *The Italian Job* was in the most popular section.

*Did the plot keep you interested?* - This plot definitely kept me interested. It was filled with action and humor. The humor kept me entertained and prevented the movie from being super serious. The buildup to the final robbery made me want to know how the film ends.

*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 always something new that occurred that moved the film forwards. The film was also not scrunched into one day but over the period of a couple days.

*What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?* - I think this film is appropriate for kids in grades 3-12. The film has nothing inappropriate to it and it is only rated G. However, kids who are too young will not understand the plot.

I would rate this film *5 stars*. The plot was good and kept me interested the entire time. The film was funny and pretty easy to follow. I was a little confused at the beginning of the film with all the characters but they made sense as the movie went on.

**Reviewer's Name and Grade: Nitya M., 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Date Reviewed: July 12, 2021**

This movie is a fictional movie about a robber named Charlie who has just gotten out of jail. Right after he is out of jail, he wants to plan heist for 4 million dollars' worth of gold, he needs help to do this job so he breaks into a prison bathroom to meet another criminal named Mr. Bridger who is very rich. Mr. Bridger agrees to do this. After this Charlie assembles a team of criminals to steal this gold. Everything is planned out and Charlie is ready to rob this gold. Charlie and his team head out and some of the cars are stopped by the mafia who is also trying to rob the gold and they destroy Charlie's car and the other cars by crushing them and throwing them off a bridge. Now Charlie is stranded in the middle of the road, and he must walk all the way to Italy. He travels by bike and at night he gets there. His team is ready to make the traffic lights break. First Charlie destroys the power in the building and then Charlie's comrades switch one of the computers to theirs and in the morning the traffic is insane, so it is hard to transfer the gold. Charlie and his comrades follow the gold truck and at the perfect moment they jump the truck and riot in the middle of the road, they use blue color spray the windows of the car and knock-out the people driving it. Next, they transfer the gold into their own cars and go into the highway, then there is a truck that fits cars inside which Charlie and planned Charlie's car and the other cars get inside the truck and they get the gold successfully. Next, they drive to their HQ, but they must get rid of the cars that they used so they throw the cars off the cliff. The next part of the movie which is the last part of the movie is hilarious, what happens is that everyone is happy, and the driver is a little to unconcentrated and almost made his truck fall off the edge of the mountain but they lucky survive, but the gold is in the other room on the side that the truck is about to fall. Charlie tries to grab the gold as it is about to fall but the gold is stuck, and they cannot do anything to get it which means they did the hard work for nothing. I guess you could say the ending was a cliffhanger (Joke).

*What age is this movie appropriate for?* I think this movie is appropriate for all ages because there is no serious violence, there are no inappropriate scenes, and there is no inappropriate language (Curse words).

*What do I rate this movie?* I rate this movie a 4 out of 5 stars because this movie has action, and the movie is hilarious, but I think the beginning plot is a little boring and the quality is not very good (because the movie was made in 1969). But otherwise, the movie left me watching until it was over, and I do suggest watching this movie.

*Was the pace of the film too fast or too slow?* Yes, I felt the pace of the film was a little slow.

*How did I find this movie?* I went on Kanopy and went under the action and war genre and then I saw the Italian job and my dad told me it was a good movie, so I decided to watch it and it was worth it.