



HollywoodGlee Holiday Films for 2024, Home Alone (1990)

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“An eight-year-old troublemaker, mistakenly left home alone, must defend his home against a pair of burglars on Christmas Eve.” -IMDb



Macaulay Culkin. as Kevin McCallister

One of the most zany and entertaining Christmas films, *Home Alone*, was penned by the late John Hughes ([Planes, Trains & Automobiles](#)) Hughes based his screenplay while getting ready for a personal trip to Europe and imagined what inadvertently leaving his own ten-year-old son behind might look like. Enter Macaulay Culkin. as Kevin McCallister.



It's Christmas time in an upper-middle class Chicago neighborhood and bumbling crooks, Harry (Joe Pesci) and Marv (Daniel Stern) are casing it for easy-pickings. The McAllister home becomes the pair's next target. Unbeknownst to Harry and Marv, a formidable foe in the form of ten-year-old Kevin. It doesn't take Kevin long to vanquish these haphazard thieves.



What at first seemed like a vacation living large, kid style, in his family's empty home, Kevin soon realizes what had made his holidays so special was a sense of family togetherness and shared family tradition. Frankly, this is the *Home Alone*'s thematic appeal.

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