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## REVIEW

# Disney film captures childhood innocence

By Taylor Rodriguez  
*Staff reporter*



Once again, Disney has managed to strike true in the hearts of all their fans young and old through a re-imagining of a classic children's story.

On Sept. 1, I embarked on an adventure I will soon never forget. It was an adventure weaved with joy and sorrow, sentiment and suspense, serious topics and silly banter.

It was a tale of Christopher Robin and that silly old bear, Winnie the Pooh. I had gone to the theatres to see "Christopher Robin," the imagined sequel to

the famous children's book "The House at Pooh Corner," written by A.A. Milne. This live-action production, directed by Marc Forster, caught the interest of both my roommate and I.

The story's opening follows the ending of "The House at Pooh Corner" to seamlessly provide a simple foundation for old and new fans of Winnie the Pooh. This adaptation tells the tale of an adult Christopher Robin, played by Ewan McGregor, who lives as a father in a late 1940s London setting. It follows his life story through boarding school, love, marriage with his wife Evelyn, played by Hayley Atwell, and the birth of his daughter Madeline, played by Bronte Carmichael.

One weekend, Christopher is meant to spend a weekend getaway with his family at his childhood cottage in Sussex, England. He instead is forced to work through the weekend by his employer, Guiles Winslow of Winslow Luga-

gage, played by Mark Gatiss, to cut company costs by 20 percent. Surprisingly, the answer he's looking for comes in the most peculiar form -- his childhood friend Pooh Bear, and his pals from the Hundred Acre Woods.

Moments after the end credits flooded my eyes I began to express why I enjoyed the film so much with my roommate.

Written by Alex Ross Perry, Allison Schroeder, and Oscar-winner Tom McCarthy, "Christopher Robin" manages to tell a tale that most movies often cannot. Despite Disney's target audience being children to young teens, there is nothing about this movie that isn't for those who are still young at heart.

Despite the real-world situations presented in the film, Pooh Bear, voiced by Jim Cummings, manages to keep a positive, childlike innocence throughout the movie through Pooh's slow and ironically wise dialogue. The movie

covers topics of friendship, family and memories, themes that I, and I'm sure many others, can relate to personally. McGregor also plays well into the innocence and boyish charm of Christopher Robin. Through his gritty adult shell, the boy Pooh remembers as Christopher Robin shows his true colors from his youth throughout the film.

I was pleasantly surprised by how much "Christopher Robin" exceeded my expectations. Between the adapted storytelling, the A-list-acting and voice acting, and the care put into the story and characters, I think you should consider spending a weekend watching it with friends or family. I sincerely believe "Christopher Robin" is a movie many should watch for September 2018. I rate "Christopher Robin" a nine out of ten.

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## COLUMN

# Explore weird, wacky, wonderful Winfield

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After the homework and studying is done, practice is over, classes are done for the week, how do you spend your free time? Did you just answer that by saying a Netflix binge or a nap? Netflix binges and naps have their time and place, but if you haven't picked up on it yet, Winfield is weird. Between the strange traditions at Southwestern and the overall Stars Hollow-esque downtown, Winfield has a lot to offer.

There are plenty of events that happen yearly in Winfield, including the famous Walnut Valley Bluegrass Festival happening this week, Sept. 12-16, at the Winfield Fairgrounds. This festival is

a must-see for any Winfield resident or SC student. Even if you can't make it into the festival, head towards the fairgrounds and just sneak a peek of the tie-dye, musical party as you drive by. People come from all over the world to experience this yearly festival.

Aside from the Bluegrass Festival, there are plenty of other ongoing events that happen in Winfield. The Walnut Valley Farmers Market happens on Saturday mornings each year from May to September and you still have a chance to get out and shop for local produce and handmade goods until Sept. 26.

Take a stroll in downtown Winfield and you'll come across a wide variety of shops, ranging from antique stores to a yarn shop and plenty of boutiques, perfect for a Saturday morning shopping spree.

On top of the many stores, there are also several unique restaurants to try out.

While College Hill Coffee is the perfect study spot, it doubles

as a great hang-out space as well. Grab a few friends, head over to CHC and sip on something delicious while playing one of their many games available. If coffee and relaxing isn't your thing? CHC also offers concerts on most Friday nights, featuring many artists including current Builders and SC alums.

Are you looking for a more laid-back way to spend your time? Winfield still has you covered!

Check out a hammock from the library for free, sponsored by the SC Hammocking Club through ENO Hammock. Feel free to hammock on campus or take the hammocks off campus and explore Island Park, the dam or somewhere else in Winfield.

Hiking is another favorite of many, and there are plenty of places to hike in and around Winfield. The Winfield Dam and the SC walking trail that starts on campus are great options in Winfield. If you're feeling the need to get out of Winfield for a hike, check out Camp Horizon or

the waterfall at the Cowley State Fishing Lake, both in Arkansas City.

While our warm days are coming to an end, you still have some time for a lake day at the Winfield City Lake. Grab some friends and head out to the lake for a day of fun. Pack some snacks and a speaker for your tunes and you'll be as close to an oceanic beach day as possible.

There are so many outdoor options off campus, but maybe staying on campus is a bit more realistic. Why not spend an evening playing ultimate Frisbee on the Sutton lawn with Ultimate Frisbee Organization? Or sit at the top of the 77 steps watching the sunset?

Whether it's getting off campus or staying on campus, try something new this week. Take a break from studying and explore the weird, wacky, and wonderful Winfield.

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