



MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM

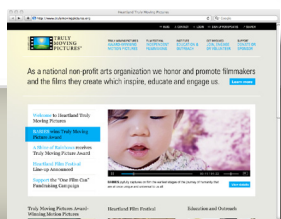


Synopsis

Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium is the strangest, most fantastic, most wonderful toy store in the world. When Mr. Magorium, the store's extraordinary 243 year-old proprietor, announces that he will at long last hand over the reigns of his wonder-expanding store to his less-than-confident young manager, Molly Mahoney, the store decides to throw an unusual tantrum.

Discussion Questions

- What is your favorite toy store? What do you like most about it? Why?
- As the movie opens, do you think Molly Mahoney is happy with her life? What makes you believe that she is or is not?
- Eric has a hard time making friends, especially with kids his age. Why do you think Eric has this problem? What advice would you give Eric to help him overcome this obstacle?
- Why does the store begin to turn grey and fall apart?
- Mr. Magorium likens the store beginning to fall apart to a child's temper tantrum. Why do you believe the store is throwing a tantrum?
- Mr. Magorium tries to convince Mahoney that she should not be upset about his departure. What are the reasons he gives?
- Mr. Magorium's tombstone read "Toy Impresario, Wonder Aficionado, Avid Shoe-Wearer". What are three things that YOU would like to be remembered for?
- Henry "The Mutant" Weston tries to convince Mahoney to keep the store. Who or what ultimately convinces her to stay and keep the store?



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Activities

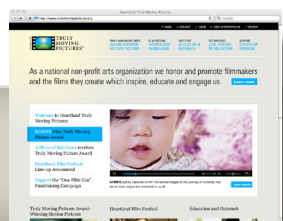
- Visit a toy store and look for something that feels genuinely magical. Enjoy the mysteries of the toys there that you might not understand.
- Bellini had the task of chronicling the life of Mr. Magorium. Chronicle your own life! Begin writing short stories about your life. You might even compile these into your memoirs.
- Mr. Magorium had a paper airplane that flew continuously. Make the best paper airplane you can and see how long you can get it to fly. Try different shapes and sizes to see what works best.

Get Involved

- Toys are a luxury that many children miss out on because their families cannot afford them. Christmas time is often a very difficult time for these individuals. Join a program in your community that adopts a family in need for the holidays and helps to purchase gifts for those children.
- Donate a toy to Toys for Tots, a non-profit that was started and is run by the U.S. Marine Corps. This group collects new and unwrapped toys and gives them out to children in need. Create a little magic for a child who might not be expecting any this holiday season. **www.ToysForTots.org**
- Clean out your own trunk of toys. Make a bag of gently used toys, games or even clothing items you no longer want and donate them to your local Goodwill or other resale shop. **www.Goodwill.org**



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