

The Detective Kid

? ? ? : 1989 : dir. [Joseph Manduke] : 95 min
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 Jay Underwood; Tracy Scoggins

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What's On TV notes:

“Drama. Kid plays private eye to stop mum being turned out of the family home.”

“Family adventure. A teenager turns sleuth to rescue his mother from eviction.”

“Youthful adventure yarn about a teenager who turns private eye to rescue his mum from eviction from the family home.”

“An adventure yarn about a kid who turns detective to rescue his mother from eviction.”

Sunday Times note:

“Youthful adventure yarn about a teenage private eye.”

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "The Critics' Film Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Probably a US TV movie. Authentic kid detectives are common enough, but American definitions of the word "kid" are notoriously elastic (see "TEEN SPY" for instance), and the central teenager here would be about 17/18. The same year, Jay Underwood appeared in "UNCLE BUCK" as "Bug", the horny boyfriend of Macaulay Culkin's teen sister. Uncle Buck comes to the rescue of neice at a heavy-petting party and scares Bug off by "showing him the instruments" in his car boot (a bright new hatchet).

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