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Runaway Ralph

US TV : 1988 : dir. Ron Underwood : ABC "Kidtime Special" : 42 min
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[Fred Savage](#); [Summer Phoenix](#)
Ray Walston; Conchata Ferrell; Sara Gilbert; voice of John Matthews

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Video Movie Guide 1993 review:

"Delightfully silly ABC Kidtime special is based on Beverly Cleary's novel about a hip mouse named Ralph who leaves his home at the local inn when he gets grounded. Hopping on his motorcycle, he hits the highway and ends up at a summer camp. (Ralph's voice is provided by John Matthews). Fun for all ages! ***1/2 "

[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" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. [Fred Savage](#), eternally courting pubescent of TV's "The Wonder Years", was 12, in the same year he made "VICE VERSA" with Judge Reinhold. "LITTLE MONSTERS" and "THE WIZARD" followed, both essentially dire, then in 1990 "WHEN YOU REMEMBER ME" (the dying child theme revisited) and in '91 "CHRISTMAS ON DIVISION STREET". Unusually for teen stars from American TV, a sweet and engaging personality, not well served by his big screen appearances to date. Summer Phoenix, needless to say, is the sister of River and Leaf (later Joaquin).

See subject index under [ANIMALS](#) and, if you can handle it, under **SUMMER CAMP / SUMMER SCHOOL**, that grand ole American custom for getting the kids out of your hair for the long summer vacation. But beware: summer camp films seldom rise to the lofty heights of mediocrity. The review doesn't indicate whether the mouse itself is live or animated, but see **ANIMATION / LIVE ACTION COMBINATIONS** for more of these.