

Where's Willie?

US : 1977 : dir. John Florea : 110 min
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:
 Marc Gilpin
 Henry Darrow; Kate Woodville; Rock Montanio

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Radio Times review:

"Ten-year old Marc Gilpin gives a good account of himself in this amusing fantasy drama. He relishes every jape in his role as the mischievous whizkid whose latest invention raises the hackles of his small-town neighbours. The fact that a magic box (which is, essentially, a primitive computer) could be regarded with such suspicion rather dates the picture and shows how drastically the tone of children's entertainment has changed in the last two decades. ** "

"Fantasy drama. When eight-year old Willie, a child genius, comes up with a powerful device to help humanity, all it seems to do is to get him into trouble, especially with his father the sheriff. ** "

"Children's tale about a boy genius who is still a disappointment to his father."

TV Quick notes:

"Children's comedy. A young genius is a disappointment to his sports fanatic father, until he creates a peculiar invention..."

"Kids' comedy. A boy genius tries to earn his father's approval."

What's On TV note:

"Children's comedy about a boy genius who's a disappointment to his sport-loving father."

Sunday Times note:

"Children's comedy about a young boy with the IQ of a genius."

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 1996", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "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. The title is sometimes given as **"WHERE'S WILLY?"**. Marc Gilpin, 10, played Roy Scheider's younger son the following year in **"JAWS 2"**. He was also seen in **"EARTHBOUND"** (81), **"THE LEGEND OF THE LONE RANGER"** (81) and as elder bother to a young River Phoenix in the TV movie **"SURVIVING"** (85).

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