

As Plain As the Nose on Your Face

Took the kids to see the movie [Penelope](#) this weekend. Unusual choice for kids, I guess, but they watched the trailers for that one and for [College Road Trip](#), and they chose Penelope, a movie about a princess named Penelope (played by [Christina Ricci](#)) who is born with a pig nose because of a generations-old curse that is put upon her family. I wasn't expecting much from the movie, mainly because I hadn't heard much about it, but also because let's face it, the premise isn't exactly one based in reality. I had read one little article about Christina Ricci, and how this is her first movie in awhile, yada, yada, but I didn't think much of a movie about a girl with a pig's nose – until it was in our local theater and it was only rated PG. I did not doze off during this one, and it did not bore the kids like I was expecting. Our 8-year-old liked it, our 3-year-old fell asleep; not from boredom, she just does that a lot in the movie theater, takes after Mom, I guess ☹ and our 17-month-old was rambunctious as can be. I think she is getting too old for movies. You know what I mean – there is a window where kids should not be taken to movies, I guess, say between walking age and an age they can sit still and actually enjoy the movie. Our youngest-for-now is reaching that age quickly!

So anyway, Penelope is actually quite entertaining, and it wasn't entirely predictable like I thought. Overall, a cute movie that kinda throws a lesson in for the kids – don't judge a person on looks alone. Christina Ricci is pretty good, barely recognizable, and I had trouble figuring out if it was because of her acting or her pig nose. [Catherine O'Hara](#) was wonderful and fun to watch as always, and [Reese Witherspoon](#) was also fun to watch (surprisingly so for me, because I'm not a big fan of hers) in her equally surprisingly small role as

Penelope's newfound biker-chick friend. Fun to watch, ok for kids... I'd see it again.