

Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves ★★½

Year of Release: 1991

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Country: USA

Verdict: See It

Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves—you have to wonder if the critics and the public saw the same movie. The critics generally regarded the film as a dreary waste of two hours, while the movie-going public found the classic Robin Hood legend irresistible. Who was right? If you ask me, the truth lies somewhere in between. Without question, the film falls victim to numerous plagues, the most lethal of which is an unusually shaky performance by Kevin Costner, who is tragically miscast in the title role. Additionally, the movie suffers from a

wildly inconsistent tone, which is somber one minute and airy the next. But somehow, warts and all, the film manages to offer a rollicking good time. *Prince of Thieves* is an undeniably entertaining crowd-pleaser, thanks to rousing action scenes and robust performances from Morgan Freeman and Alan Rickman. Be careful not to confuse the movie with the inept 20th Century Fox version starring Patrick Bergin and Uma Thurman, which truly is an appalling waste of time.

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