

# Lord Lucas Vacation

**Lord Lucas Vacation** was produced by Besouro Filmes for RBS TV in Brazil. The Histórias Curtas project is a non-sequential TV series co-produced by RBS TV channel in partnership with independent production companies. The episodes are shown on Saturdays at 12:20 p.m.

During a summer vacation, eight year old Lucas notices some weird changes in his older sister's behaviour. He starts to believe that she has become a vampire and blames Victor her boyfriend for these changes. He then pursues a course of action intended to free his sister from this 'curse'.

**Lord Lucas Vacation** was one of the PRIX JEUNESSE INTERNATIONAL 2010 finalists in the "7-11 Fiction" category.

## International experts' opinions

*Lord Lucas vacation* received excited responses from the international experts. The international experts were fascinated by the expression of imagination of a young boy. The program was successful in depicting the thought process and belief of a child in a very gripping manner. "The imagination of this child was so well elaborated. I felt – I was like this when I was a child. I was really into it" (female expert, Germany).

The program provided an insight into the inner emotional world of a child: "It exposed all kind of emotions to the children" (female expert, Germany). Unlike a lot of other programs, in this one the child is at a centre stage and the main protagonist, a fact that greatly impressed the international experts. By focussing on the emotions of children, the program aptly catered to the target audience of the program.

Not only the program had the right content, it also uses a lot of humour to present the perspective of the protagonist. "It is my favourite actually out of all the programs. I liked its light heartedness and the humour" (male expert, Germany). "I just thought that the humour was brilliant" (female expert, Scotland). "Terrific humour – very age appropriate humour. The way that the little boy approached his thought: it was very logical in a young boy's sense of logic" (female expert, USA).

The program was perceived as charming and appealing to everyone universally. Almost all the international experts could recognize the issues that are shown in it: "Everybody seems to have a universal love of it – even though we all come from different backgrounds – where we all found something common in that; it is a universal story. I think that is really special" (female expert, Australia).



Figure 1: Lucas and his family go to the beach for the summer vacation.



Figure 2: His sister, Grazi, is behaving very weirdly recently.



Figure 3: The next morning, Lucas finds a red mark on Grazi's neck.



Figure 4: Lucas compares Grazi's symptoms with the Vampire cartoon and decides that her sister was turned into a vampire by her boyfriend, Victor.



Figure 5: Lucas first tries to use garlic to dispel Victor away from Grazi.

The program dealt with problems that young children face worldwide. For example, it portrayed the problem of the family and how to live in a three generations family; it dealt with poverty and the differences between a brother and sister. When children reach the stage of puberty, they exhibit intense emotions. Some move away from the family and become individually oriented. This complexity of perspectives was expressed in the following discussion: "I think one of the many beautiful elements in this program is that at the same time we have seen two worlds: the world of the boy, and the world of the parent. Some of the other elements are hitting both sides of the story. All that led us to the climax and then we come to the resolution. You feel the story; you are having fun with the grandmother, with the son, with the boyfriend who is coming, and later on everybody together like a happy family. It is very nice for the kids. I am sure that they will enjoy the film like that" (female expert, Japan).

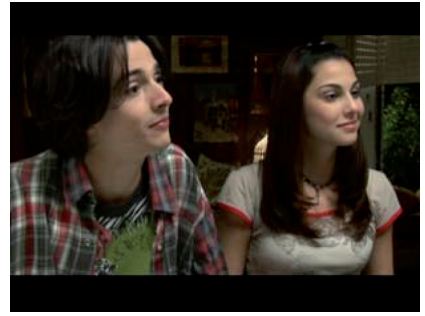


Figure 6: Lucas's plan fails and everyone in the family likes Victor.



Figure 7: Lucas makes his final attempt to drive Victor away and stabs him.



Figure 8: Grazi explains to Lucas about her relationship with Victor and they finally come to terms with each other.

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