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Grandmas Boy Packed With Laughs

By Jonathon Hardcastle

When it comes to comedic movies, one can't help but feel that there is something lacking as of late.

Many films due their best to appease as many different forms of audience as possible, adding romantic situations to draw in female moviegoers while spattering laughs through to keep the attention of the guys watching the movie. One film that breaks ground by making no such concessions is the recent DVD release known as Grandma's Boy.

A sleeper hit, Grandma's Boy did not find its fan base on the big screen. Appearing in theatres for a limited amount of time, it truly found the bulk of its fans through its DVD release and the word of mouth. Grandma's Boy is a film that was produced by Adam Sandler's production company, but it does not feature him in the film. And for those who think that his presence would be necessary to make the film a keeper, many are delighted to find that what the film is, in fact, is one of the funniest films that Hollywood has produced in a long time.

Grandma's Boy follows the life of a man who just never found his calling in life. Content to work as a video game tester at a software development company, the main character named Alex is content to live the easy life, with no immediate goals or plans for his future. He finds himself in trouble, however, when he finds that his roommate hadn't been paying their rent. With nowhere to go, Alex ends up finding shelter at his Grandmother's house, who is played by Doris Roberts of "Everybody Loves Raymond" fame. Being cooped up with grandma and her kooky roommates proves to be a sufficient struggle in Alex's life, who tries to sneak in bong hits and video gaming while trying to obey his grandma's every beck and call. One of the most hilarious characters in the film has to be Dante – Alex's pot dealer who has an appetite for the more `alternative' things in life, such as pet monkeys trained in karate. One unique factor that Grandma's Boy has is the fact that the comedy doesn't stop to make up for some sort of resolution towards the end of the film; if anything, the films comedic points snowball, picking up more and more as the film goes on. I found that to be a pretty unique and refreshing turn from the standard comedies that try to make some sort of dramatic ending from a film of hilarity. Grandma's Boy keeps you watching while definitely keeping you laughing. I would highly recommend it to anyone who could use a laugh.

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How To Sprinkle Your Article With Laughs

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Everyone likes to laugh. At least everyone sane. Actually, insane people laugh too, they just don't know they're laughing. Even the Pope laughs, just not in public. Laughter unites people. It can diffuse tense situations. And most importantly, at least from a writer's standpoint, it can keep people reading your articles.

You don't have to be a comedian, or Dave Barry to incorporate laughs into your writing. You don't really have to be that funny of a person, either. And you're not looking to put the readers in stitches. Just a slight chuckle can make a world of difference.

I often try to incorporate cheap puns into my articles. For example, I might include the pun: 'To write with a broken pencil is pointless' in an article about daily freewriting. It's a groaner, but it might just keep the reader reading, at least for another paragraph. If you like cheesy puns and want more feel free to visit:

<http://wardwidewebzine.goduck.net/puns.html>

Including a humorous anecdote is another great way to get your readers to smile. A simple search on Yahoo or Google will yield a number of websites that have anecdote archives. Or you can include a personal anecdote. Seven words that are sure to keep a reader's attention are: 'That reminds me of a funny story..'

I like to keep my readers on their toes by incorporating a technique I like to call Random Insertion. (I'll pause here while you less mature readers stop snickering.) Random Insertion is actually self-explanatory,

I randomly insert information that obviously does not belong. For example, If I was listing possible places to promote ezine articles I might mention:
(A) Free Ezine Articles Announcement List (<http://ezinearticles.20fr.com>)
(B) Go Articles.com and
(C) www.drew-barrymore-is-a-goddess.net
The third listing is obviously bogus (though true) and putting in an otherwise serious article can peak the readers interest and keep them reading.

I will not keep droning on any longer. Hopefully, by now everyone has gotten the point. Humor makes people laugh, and laughing makes people happy. And happy readers keep reading and will remember your name the next time they see it at the top of an article. Maybe you'll even be able to use some of my suggestions to sprinkle laughs all through your next article. If not I'm fully prepared to tell the Pope...

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