

## A Review of *Life Is Beautiful*

"*Life Is Beautiful* is not a comedy about the Holocaust, because that's not possible," states Italian director Roberto Benigni. In his movie, Benigni portrays a father named Guido who uses comedy to protect his son from the horrors of the Holocaust. For example, Guido explains to his son that the sign "No Jews or Dogs" makes about as much sense as the sign "No Spiders or Visigoths [medieval warriors]."

A mini-analysis helps readers understand the movie.

— In reality, *Life Is Beautiful* is a tragicomedy. The first half of the film is full of comedy and charm as Guido courts Dora, a school teacher. The tragedy lies in the second half of the film when this couple and their son must deal with the Holocaust.

It may be hard to see a sad foreign film, but *Life Is Beautiful* is definitely worth the price. You go in expecting a depressing film, but you come out realizing how beautiful life is. ■

—Roslyn Chang, student reviewer