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# Lucky - Review

Lucky follows the spiritual journey of a 90-year-old atheist and the quirky characters that inhabit his off-the-map desert town. Having outlived and outsmoked all of his contemporaries, the fiercely independent Lucky finds himself at the **precipice** of life, thrust into a journey of self-exploration, leading towards that which is so often unattainable: **enlightenment**. Acclaimed character actor John Carroll Lynch's directorial debut, this is a love letter to the life and career of Harry Dean Stanton as well as a meditation on morality, loneliness, spirituality, and human connection.



It's **remarkable** that Lucky's life is not seen as empty due to his lack of marriage, children, and religion. There are no miracles that will provide easy answers, nor is this a story of conversion. What exactly can a person do when he doesn't have the usual **aforementioned** comforts most people reach for? In Lucky (and Stanton's words), "Smile." And by the end, it is impossible for us to not do the same.

For Stanton, it must have been rather like attending his own wake, for death hovers just out of frame.



After decades of avoiding the prospect, Lucky collapses one day for no reason he can fathom. His doctor is equally puzzled. With his smoking habit, he says, he should have been dead long ago yet his heart and **lungs** are in fair shape. The only cause he can come up with is old age. While the film is hardly action-packed, it doesn't matter. The film's pleasures lie in its success in finding **poignant** moments in unlikely places. The pet tortoise belonging to Lucky's closest friend, Howard (Lynch), has

wandered off for parts unknown and nobody but Lucky can understand Howard's grief.

Unsurprisingly, the strength of the film lies with Stanton, whose quiet and absorbing presence fills the screen with an unassuming grandeur. Whether or not he's playing himself here is irrelevant, because the sheer sight of him and the sound of his voice are enough to convey a lifetime of wisdom—exactly who Lucky is as a character. How this movie could exist so perfectly baffles me, but I'm very glad it does. Goodbye, Harry Dean Stanton. You will be greatly missed.



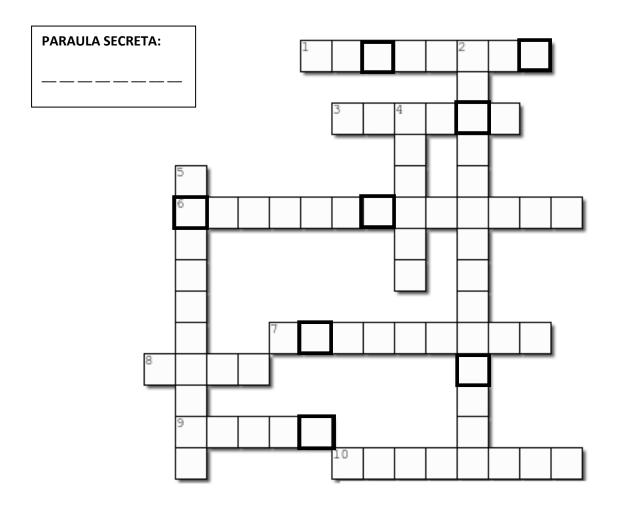




## **Lucky - Crossword**

#### **GUANYA 2 ENTRADES GRATUÏTES AMB L'AJUNTAMENT DE SANT CELONI I CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL**

- 1) Completa els mots encreuats amb el vocabulari de la crítica.
- 2) Reuneix les lletres de les caselles en negreta i forma la paraula secreta.
- **3) Sigues el 1er en publicar la paraula al Facebook** de Cambridge School <u>www.facebook.com/CambridgeSchoolPage</u> i guanyaràs 2 entrades per a una pel·lícula en VO al cinema OCINE de l'Altrium Sant Celoni (a recollir al cinema).



#### **ACROSS**

- 1. giving you feelings of sadness
- 3. the ability to make good decisions based on knowledge and experience
- 6. the process of explaining or understanding something clearly
- 7. a very dangerous situation
- 8. a meeting of friends and relations before or after a funeral to remember the person who died
- 9. two organs in your chest that fill with air when you breathe
- 10. an impressive quality that a place, object, or occasion has

### **DOWN**

- 2. mentioned before
- 4. the flat surface on a computer, television, or piece of electronic equipment where words and pictures are shown
- 5. unusual in a way that surprises or impresses you

