

# Little Lord Fauntleroy

US TV : 1980 : dir. Jack Gold : CBS (Norman Rosemont) : 100 min  
 prod: William Hill : scr: Blanche Hanalis : dir.ph.: Arthur Ibbetson  
*Ricky Schroder* .....  
 Alec Guinness; Eric Porter; Colin Blakely; Connie Booth; Rachel Kempson

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*Darling of all he surveys – the hairstyle doesn't exactly yell "1880s" though, does it?  
 Source: original front-of-house still (detail)*



*No dogs were harmed in the making of this movie*

*Source: original front-of-house still*

**Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001** review:

“Lavish TV adaptation of the classic Frances Hodgson Burnett about an impoverished New York youngster who becomes heir to his titled grandfather’s British estate. Blanche Hanalis wrote this version, for which Arthur Ibbetson’s magnificent photography won an Emmy award. *Above Average* ”

**Speelfilm Encyclopedie** review – identical to above

**Halliwell's Television Companion** review:

“An American boy becomes an English lord and melts the heart of his stern grandfather. Pretty successful restoration of a period piece, generally avoiding the pitfalls of sentimentality and holding the interest. \* ”

“It will probably again win hearts and earn tears”  
– **Daily Variety**

**Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89** review:

“An impeccable production, perfect in all its period details, highlights this remake of the Freddie Bartholomew classic. Guinness is customarily expert in this war-horse about the urchin who becomes a titled lord. Worth seeing on most counts except for the bundle of mechanical charm playing the title role. \*\*\* ”

**The Time Out Film Guide** review:

“Basically unacceptable advertisement for the concepts of philanthropy practised by an oppressive aristocracy in capitalist Victorian England. Presented with such intractable material, director Jack Gold conspires with a cast of British character actors (immaculate) against the unacceptable face of American child acting (Schroder, wondrous). Zzzzzz.”

**Video Movie Guide 1993** review:

“This is the made-for-television version of the heartwarming classic about a poor young boy (Schroder) whose life is dramatically changed when his wealthy grandfather (Alec Guinness) takes him in. Well done. \*\*\*\* ”

[no listing in "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide",

"Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety

Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

The seventh of eight known versions to date.

See also "**BADKONAK-E SEFID**" and "**BASHU**" - both recent Iranian films, and subject index under **ARAB WORLD / MIDDLE EAST**.