



## **Ferris Bueller's Day Off** (1986)

by John Hughes

**Ferris:** Incredible. One of the worst performances of my career and they never doubted it for a second. How could I possibly be expected to handle school on a day like this?

This is my ninth sick day this semester. It's getting pretty tough coming up with new illnesses. If I go for ten I'm probably gonna have to barf up a lung. So I better make this one count. The key to faking out the parents is the clammy hands. It's a good non specific symptom. I'm a big believer in it. A lot of people will tell that a good phony fever is a dead lock. But you get a nervous mother, you could wind up in the doctor's office. That's worse than school. You fake a stomach cramp, and when you're bent over, moaning and wailing, you lick your palms. It's a little childish and stupid. But then, so is high school.

Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.