

# ***YALS 2011 literary competition winners***

## **B2**

### Review

*According to Jim*, created by Tracy Newman and Jonathan Stark, is an American family sitcom that puts a twist on the traditional family.

Cheryl is a stay-at-home mum with three precious children while Jim is the family's breadwinner. They play equal roles in raising their children through discussion and negotiation. Cheryl's sister Dana frequently teams up with Cheryl against Jim and his old-fashioned ways of doing everything, whereas Andy, Cheryl's brother, collaborates in many of Jim's antics.

On the plus side, this sitcom is an opportunity to learn about a family made up of different personalities and ideas about life. It makes me watching every day because it is light, funny and definitely, a good way to relax and forget about everyday issues.

On the down side, some reviewers say it is not for anyone under nine because of language and sexual references. They also find it predictable and unexciting.

Overall, I would recommend watching *According to Jim*, especially to families with teens who can learn life lessons and get decent ideas of respect and family affection.

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