You Can't Take It with You relates the humorous encounter between a conservative family and the crazy household of Grandma Catherine Vanderhof set in 1936. Grandma's family pursues their own kind of happiness, contrary to the world’s definition. When Alice, the granddaughter, is proposed to by Anthony Kirby, Jr., the Vice President of Kirby & Co. where Alice works, she realizes their families will have to meet. Alice, already in doubt that their families will get along, prepares a wonderful evening for the Kirby’s, but in a twisted turn of events the sophisticated and shocked Kirby family shows up at the Vanderhof household a night early. The antics which include some fireworks, a printing press and the IRS are too much for Alice and the Kirby parents. What seems to be a disaster blossoms into a lesson on the meaning of success, happiness and love.

It is simply a depiction of a delightfully eccentric family, the third collaboration by playwrights George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, proved to be their most successful and longest-running work. Awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1936, the comedy went on to run 837 performances on Broadway. Kaufman and Hart sold the film rights to Columbia Pictures for a record-setting amount, and the 1938 film won an Academy Award for best picture.