

Movie and TV Show Reviews by Teens



Luca

There will be spoilers in this rating. The Movie *Luca*, a comedy/adventure movie directed by Enrico Casarosa released recently on June 18th, 2021, is an excellent simple, family-friendly movie. It is about a seaside town called Italian Riviera, where a young boy, named Luca, is living his best life in the summertime. He has fun in his adventures with a newly made friend but, in turn, is a monster from another world living in the seas.

This movie is full of emotion and was very heartfelt. The message conveyed of choosing between friendship, or life path was inspirational, and I loved how his parents respected Luca's dreams and wishes. The ending was shocking and left me in tears, while the movie also had several laughs along the way. I would personally rate this movie four stars out of five and recommend it for others to watch. I also loved the small Italian references. My only negative comment would be that I had very high hopes on what the movie would show after watching the trailer, but it was not as good as I expected, but I still enjoyed it very much.

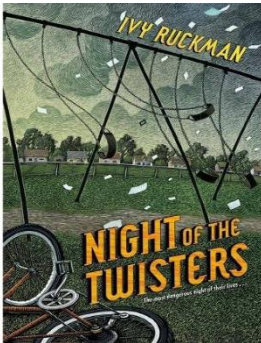


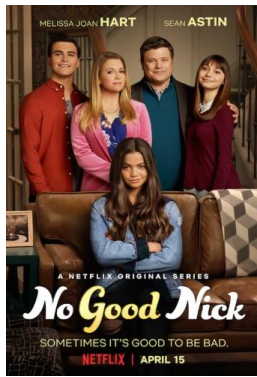
This review will include ****spoilers**** about **the movie and novel**. The award-winning film **Little Women** directed by Greta Gerwig, based on the classic book Little Women is a great movie to watch on a nice cold winter night. The plot is based on sisters who have a connection like no other. The narrator brings us along as we read about their daily sisterhood problems and life problems as well. Their father serves as a chaplain for the Civil War, so he is very distant. However, he loved calling them his little women, hence the title of the movie. The household is all full of women, with the four sisters and their mother. Jo March, one of the sisters, lives in New York City and makes a living as a writer. Amy, her sister, pursues her dream as a painter in Paris. Oldest, Meg, becomes a school teacher, and as of Beth, she develops a severe illness and later passes away, which helps bring the family stronger together.

Additionally, Theodore, who proposed to Jo but got rejected, gets his chance with Amy in the end. I would recommend watching this movie or reading the novel to others as having siblings; it was relatable and funny. There were several emotions conveyed throughout that kept me intrigued. The plot twist of who Theodore would be within the end also was shocking but made me feel good. Amy and Jo have a very conflicted relationship, even leading to Beth's death, but their bond was very tight. In my opinion, I would give this movie five stars out of five as I also read the book, and it was a great representation, and the book would also be five stars for me as the plot was excellent and light-hearted.

Movie Review: Night of the Twisters

The Movie “Night of the Twister” by Ivy Ruckman was a very thrilling and suspense movie. It was very realistic and a great movie to watch about how a tornado had hit and how a family went through it. Also, there is a book which is also very similar to the movie. This movie was very planned out and the story line was smooth and flowed together. Another great thing about this movie was it was realistic and that people can relate to it by their life. If you like scary suspense and thrilling movies this movie will be a great option to watch.





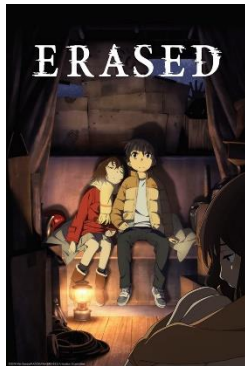
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I am reviewing a show called **"No Good Nick"** made by David H. Steinberg and Keetgi Kogan. No Good Nick is about an "orphan" girl who comes to live with a family but starts to get revenge on them after some time. The family she comes to live with "ruined" her family. Nick's father had owned a restaurant called Franzelli which is Nick's last name. The Thompsons, which is the family Nick is coming to live with, also own a restaurant.

The mom "Liz Thompson" owns "Crescendo" which is the restaurant that "destroyed Nick's life." Before Crescendo started doing so well, Franzelli's was doing amazing, but Liz decided there was only room for one Italian restaurant in town. She and her family did everything in their power to make customers not want to go to Franzelli's and come to Crescendo. Since not many people were coming into Franzelli's, Nick's dad decided to build a brick oven which seemed okay. Molly Thompson came to check out the menus during the construction of the oven yet didn't order anything. Later with her friends, she wrote bad reviews about Franzelli's online. Nick later saw the reviews and knew that Molly had been outside of the restaurant looking at the menus but she never ordered anything.

While the brick oven was being built, Nick's father went to the bank to ask for a loan. Ed Thompson worked in the bank and was ready to do anything to help his wife's restaurant. Ed was ready to accept his loan but he looked at his file and found out he worked at Franzelli. He instantly denied his loan. After the brick oven was built, Nick used her tips money to print new grand opening menus. She and her father went around putting them through people's car's windshield. Jeremy Thompson and his friend saw and took out the menus and Nick saw them but they were too quick and grabbed the box full of the menus and ran.

I understand what the Thompson family did wasn't good, but Nick didn't do any better. She kept trying to get revenge on the family and ended up putting Ed into jail because of a stolen jewelry incident. I would recommend this show to everybody. It is very family-friendly and has drama. Hope you enjoyed my review! Thank you for reading this!



Erased

Spoilers are included in this. This anime/TV Program takes place in the year 2006. Satoru Fujinuma, a 29-year old man, experiences random instances where he is sent back in time, only for a few minutes. This happens due to impending tragedies. His job? To prevent those tragedies from ever occurring. When his mother is murdered, something strange happens to Satoru. Instead of being sent back a few minutes, he has been sent back 18 years. Coincidentally, 18 years back, 3 classmates of Satoru had been kidnapped and murdered. Now Satoru has an opportunity to not only save his mother, but save his 3 other classmates.

Slice of life, romance, action, mystery, and tragedy can all be rolled into 1 with this show. The plot is amazing, twists and turns happening that will actually surprise you, not like those plot twists where you could expect it. Satoru's character was actually really well done, a very likeable character. He and the main female protagonist, Kayo (who is one of the victims of the kidnappings), begin to develop feelings for one another which many will enjoy to see. Though as good as this show may be, there are a few flaws. The viewers can get easily mad when Kayo's parents are seen, being that they are abusive and cold. Some depictions of abuse are seen and it is frustrating to watch. Also, when the culprit behind the murders of the 3 girls is discovered, he tries to kill Satoru for discovering his identity, putting Satoru in a coma for 15 years. He wakes up, but the situation is irritating because Kayo, the main interest, marries Satoru's best friend and has a child. I would've expected her to wait for Satoru, but in the end it is in reality what would happen if this situation were to ever occur realistically. Definitely not the ending everyone wanted to see though. As irritating as these flaws are, they make up for a good plot. The plot is unique, interesting, and captivating. I would definitely recommend this show to others.



Ride Your Wave

Spoilers are included in this. 19-year old Hinako Mukaimizu moves into an apartment close to the beach for college and surfing. When her apartment catches on fire, she meets Minato, a firefighter who has a thing for justice. Little does Hinako know, before this incident, Minato has been watching her surf from the fire department. They start talking, go on a date, and the rest is history. When Hinako and Minato go surfing during the winter together, Minato saves a jet skier, but drowns and dies in the process. Shocked by his death and unable to get over it, Hinako moves out of her apartment and avoids the beach. One day when she starts singing a song that she and Minato used to sing, she discovers that Minato appears in the water (whenever the song is sung). They use this chance to be with one another again.

The story is romantic and sweet, intriguing, too. The animation and quality of the movie can be admired by hundreds. The plot also happens to be unique, catching the eye of viewers just by a summary. Everything is great, but there are some things I dislike. Minato's sister, Youko, gives Hinako a hard time both before and after Minato's death. Her character can be frustrating but the development is great. Hinako also becomes too attached to Minato, but I can't blame her after the whole incident. It can become quite annoying though. I dislike how Minato had to die but it's important to the plot. I would recommend this movie.



Miraculous Ladybug

The show is about 14-year old Marinette Dupain-Cheng. A normal girl living in France. When she runs into an old man who is about to get hit by a car, she saves him and heads to school on her merry way. Little does she know this man will change her life very soon. She is given a miraculous, a pair of earrings that grants her superpowers. She now lives a double life as a superhero known as Ladybug. She protects the city with her partner Chat Noir, who is known as fashion model Adrien Agreste. Marinette has a crush on Adrien, which funnily enough she works alongside him now, even though she can hardly speak when they are together. Together they fight Hawk Moth and the villains he creates to protect Paris.

The show is targeted for children, but instead captivated teenagers. The show is funny, romantic, and sweet. The characters are well animated, the plotlines are creative, and the show keeps you at the edge of your seat. The show does a well done job with cultural representation. A few flaws though are how the characters can be cringe, especially Marinette. Marinette can be seen as a stalker when it comes to her crush, Adrien, which displeases people. Chloe, (one of the characters seen in the show) has a rude personality. She almost began to go through a well-done character development until the creators returned her to her rude personality, which was unfortunate and a waste. Another thing, Adrien/Chat Noir has been neglected as the male protagonist. They do not include him as much as they used to in the beginning of the show and he now is similar to a side character. The show has its flaws, but it's overall good and a must watch. I recommend it.



Inuyasha

Spoilers are included in this. In modern-day Tokyo (1990s), 15 year-old Kagome Higurashi lives a normal life with her family. When her cat runs away, she heads to the family shrine to look for him. When she enters the shrine, she is then dragged by a demon down the bone eaters well. Instead of hitting the bottom of the well, she is sent back into the past, the Feudal Era. She wanders the area in search of her family, but finds a boy with dog ears pinned to a tree while in slumber. She has to fight the demon that dragged her here, using the help of Inuyasha, the sleeping boy. She takes off the arrow pierced through his body, and he defeats the demon. He tries to make way with the Shikon Jewel which was found in Kagome's body (which the demon was after). Kagome would then learn the history of the Shikon Jewel, learn about Priestess Kikyo, who was the guardian of the jewel, was Inuyasha's past love interest, and once roamed Feudal Japan 50 years ago and slayed the demon that dragged Kagome to the past. While spending her first days in the feudal era, Kagome shoots an arrow through the jewel shattering it into multiple pieces after a demon had almost stolen it. She and Inuyasha must gather all the pieces before demon Naraku gathers them all. Along with the help of a demon named Shippo, a monk named Miroku, and a demon slayer named Sango and her demon Kilala, the group sets off to find all the fragments of the Shikon Jewel before demon Naraku wreaks havoc.

The story is romantic, captivating, full of adventure, etc. The characters are loveable, and amazing too. The plot is captivating and interesting, full of twists and turns. There are moments when you wanna squeal, yell at the screen, etc. Flaws can be how Kikyo is cold, which can be annoying. Inuyasha is very indecisive which makes the viewers wanna yell at him too. Sango jumps to conclusions a lot and Miroku can be a bit of a lecher. Despite the character flaws, the characters are still loved by many. The plot moves at a great pace and is intriguing. Overall I would recommend this show as it is my all-time favorite.



Ranma $\frac{1}{2}$

The story of Ranma starts off when Ranma's Father and his friend, Soun Tendo, agree that in the future, their kids will marry in order to inherit the Tendo Dojo. Fast forward years later, Ranma and his father, Genma, go on a training journey throughout China. While in one of their training locations, Ranma and Genma both fall in the cursed springs of Jusenkyo. The curse? Whoever falls into a particular spring, they turn into whatever drowned in the spring years ago. Ranma falls into the spring which a girl had drowned in, and Genma falls into a spring where a Panda had drowned in. Now, whenever splashed with cold water, both Ranma and his father turn into a girl and a panda. Though whenever splashed with hot water, they return to their original forms. Now fast forward again a month later, Ranma and Genma arrive at the Tendo Dojo (in their girl and panda form). The entire household is surprised, expecting Ranma and Genma to arrive for the arranged marriage. They reveal their curse, and Akane Tendo, (the youngest of the 3 daughters), is appointed as Ranma's fiancée because she is the youngest and because she dislikes men. Now, Akane and Ranma deal with having each other as fiancées, sharing a love-hate dynamic. The two also try to find Ranma a cure for his curse.

The story is light-hearted, meant to be a show watched for fun. It's interesting and has a decent plot. The show is interesting and can help bring joy to anyone who watches it. Though some flaws would be with the characters. Akane Tendo, is a well-developed character though she has an issue of being short-tempered and making assumptions. This can cause dilemmas. Ranma also happens to have 2 other fiancées besides Akane (Shampoo and Ukyo). His issue? He happens to be very indecisive (in a way). It's clear to the viewers that he cares most about Akane, though he doesn't make that clear in the show (towards the fiancées). There are moments when he shows his caring side though. Overall the show is well-done and has the same creator as Inuyasha. I personally recommend it.



Red Shoes and the 7 Dwarfs

When the group of 7 known as The Fearless Seven get cursed with having appearances of dwarfs whenever people look at them for assuming a princess was a witch and she wanted to teach them a lesson, they set a goal to return to their original forms. The curse can be broken if they kiss “the most beautiful woman in the world.” Now comes Snow White, an overweight but strong princess trying to find her father. After years of searching, she returns to the castle where her father (along with her stepmother) once inhabited (her stepmother still happens to live at the castle). Snow White finds a note from her father to find the Fearless Seven to help her. In the note, a warning is said to not put on the red shoes hanging from a tree and despite his warning, she did exactly that. She gets attacked by her stepmother, and escapes to a small cottage where the Fearless Seven inhabit (now dwarfs). They have a misunderstanding and accidentally knock her out, and when she comes to she sees herself in a mirror with a much altered appearance. She is slimmer and more attractive. The dwarfs believe her to be the most beautiful woman and decide to try and break their curse using her. Meanwhile, Snow White realizes the shoes she wears (that she took), alter her appearance whenever worn. She changes her identity to Red Shoes and must figure out how to find her father, and deal with the red shoes. Meanwhile the dwarfs must try and break their curse.

The story is a must-watch for kids. The story is a bit too fast paced though it is because it is a children's movie. The animation of the movie is well-done, and the characters are also loved by many. As good as the movie is, I dislike how Arthur, (one of the dwarfs), is too pushy with Snow White. Snow White was a bit too oblivious and Merlin (the main male protagonist), thought a lot of appearances. The show is good, though I recommend it for children or those who enjoy children's movies and content such as this.



Blue Spring Ride

16-year old high school student Futaba lives a normal life. She has friends she tries to fit in with, but she tries to act unfeminine because she had a history of being excluded for being cute. The year takes a turn for Futaba when her first love Kou Tanaka moves back to town after moving to Nagasaki in middle school. Surprised, she learns that he is a completely different person. Cold, mean, and quiet. His last name had also changed to Mabuchi. Trying to rekindle her bond with Kou, she attempts to turn her life around making more of an effort to change. She goes for class representative, and makes new bonds with new friends, along with Kou. Little by little, she begins to learn about what happened to Kou after he had moved, and falls in love with him all over again.

The story is filled with tragedy, slice of life, and romance. You can't help but screech and fangirl when watching this show, sometimes cringing too. The characters are loveable and many sides to different stories can be seen with this show. The animation is beautiful and soft too. Although the plot isn't exactly the best, it is still decent and the show is great. Many love the show and you can't go wrong with trying it out. A few flaws can be seen as typical love triangles are involved, misunderstandings, and so on. Kou was being cold and difficult, Yuri (Futaba's friend) was being difficult with Futaba as she also liked Kou, etc. The show also doesn't include the entire story as it is adapted from a manga. Even so, the show is loved by the majority of the general audience, the way the show expresses feelings and emotion is praised, and the show is captivating. I would definitely recommend this show.



Noragami

When average middle school girl Hiyori gets involved in a bus accident in an attempt to save a stranger, she survives but her soul now slips from her body. She now is a part of 2 parallel worlds, Near Shore where humans, animals, living beings reside. Then the Far Shore, where souls, demons, and so on reside. Hiyori would soon meet a nameless God known as Yato, who is wanting more attention, trying to make a name for himself as a God. He helps grant any wishes for only 5 yen. Hiyori, in order to help him and herself, pays him 5 yen and asks him to help Hiyori fix her body. As a God, Yato needed a regalia (a weapon with a dead human soul named and given a 2nd chance by whatever God). The two would meet Yukine, who would become Yato's new regalia. With that, the 3 would go on adventures, trying to fix Hiyori's body, Yato trying to make a name for himself, and fighting whatever opponent comes their way.

The story is light-hearted, filled with mysteries and plot-twists. The characters are loveable and really well-done. Yukine can be annoying when he whines, makes automatic assumptions, causes trouble, etc. Though overall Yukine is a good character. The plot is well done, though the show isn't "completed" as it is adapted from a manga. So only a portion of the story is shown through TV Program. The story is good, and I recommend it.



Fruits Basket

When Tohru's mom dies in a car accident, Tohru had to move in with her grandfather. When the family decides to start on renovations, and rude family members impose, Tohru moves out and lives in a tent in a forest. She doesn't want to bother anyone, so she decides to fend for herself. When popular classmate Yuki Sohma and his cousin Shigure discover Tohru's tent destroyed by a landslide, they take Tohru in to live with them. Though things wouldn't be normal for long as Tohru would discover the Sohma secret when she meets Kyo Sohma. When Kyo challenges Yuki to a fight, Tohru makes an attempt to stop the two, and when she touches them both, they turn into the two zodiac animals, the cat and the mouse. Shigure then gets caught in the situation and turns into the dog. Once learning the secret, she promises the family that she will not share the secret and is allowed to still reside with the family. Tohru will soon learn how much darker the family secret is, the deep and dark family history and drama involved, and how Tohru herself becomes a much needed positive influence in the family. The family also tries to find a way to break the curse.

The story has romance, mystery, slice of life, supernatural, and more. The majority of the characters in the show are loved, though some are hated as the personalities of those characters are revealed. The plot is unique and interesting, involving the zodiac signs in the story. A thing I dislike about the show is a character named Akito. He's manipulative, rude, demanding, jumps to conclusions, abusive, and short-tempered. Though Akito goes through character development in the show, so there's that. I would recommend this show to anyone.



Anohana

When Menma dies in an accident, her childhood friends all drift apart. After five years, the leader of the abandoned group, Jinta, becomes a high school drop-out who isolates himself from society. Life is not going well for him, and the worst part is he starts to see older Menma. She has a wish that needs to be granted, with which her presence reunites the old childhood friends. Jinta believed he was hallucinating, or going crazy at first. Though because he doesn't remember Menma's wish, the group is gathered and they all search for what Menma's wish was. The group has a difficult time moving from the past, and all try to help each other grow, and help Menma head to the afterlife.

The story is heartwarming, including romance, slice of life, supernatural, and coming of age. The characters are well-done as they go through well-done character development. The plot is unique and can be relatable when it comes to average day life situations. The characters have some flaws that normal people would have, not getting along, jumping to conclusions, attitude, etc. Overall, the show is loved by many and I would recommend it.



Raya and the Last Dragon

Raya and the Last Dragon was released in 2021 and is available on Disney+ (without premium access). Raya is Disney's first-ever Southeast Asian princess and there is no male love interest in the film. The movie is perfect for fans of Avatar: The Last Airbender (the show) and Onward. It is a beautiful movie that can be enjoyed by all ages. The element that I thought was strongest within this movie was the found family element. In addition, there are some very entertaining fight scenes, a creative magic system, and moments that made me laugh out loud. In the end, the movie is about trusting those that may be different from you and it showed the restorative power of trust and friendship. I loved this movie and would recommend it to anyone.