



Film Reviews by  
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## **A Street Cat Named Bob** ***Drama/Comedy, 2016***

A ginger cat helped change the life of James Bowen. He was a drug addict, homeless man and street musician who tried to recover from his addiction so many times but he didn't succeed.

However, with his new friend on his shoulder he had a new chance.

I love that the film is based on a true story and the story focuses on the drug and homeless issues. It's amazing that even animals can give us hope.

I think people should watch the film because it's a fantastic film.

**Amenah**



**Troy**  
**War/Action, 2004**

Paris meets Helen and they run away together to the city of Troy but her husband wants vengeance. Menelaus's husband uses this to attack the city of Troy.

I love this movie because it is about the past and history. It is an excellent movie. My favourite actor, Brad Pitt stars as Achilles, Orlando Bloom plays Paris and Eric Bana plays Hector.

I really recommend this movie!

**Angela**

**Life is Beautiful**  
**War/Romance, 1997 Italy**



This movie is about a Jewish man who gets married to a non-Jewish girl. They have a son, soon after the Second World War starts. German forces invade their city, capture all the Jewish people including Guido and his son. They are all transferred to a concentration camp.

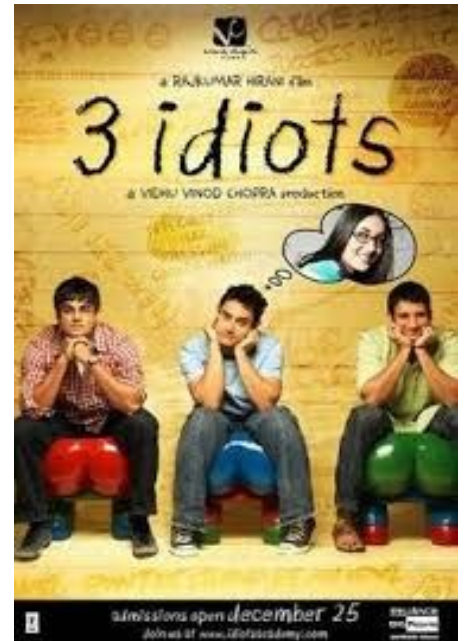
Somehow Guido manages to turn the whole situation into a game to make his son happy and plays a little Hide and Seek game. He tells his son if he hides well and gets enough merits he will gain a tank at the end of the game.

I think this movie is excellent and sensitive as well as sad and funny. It describes how every human being is special and can have a beautiful life, just like the title!

I highly recommend this movie.

**Dogan**

## **3 Idiots** **Comedy, 2009**



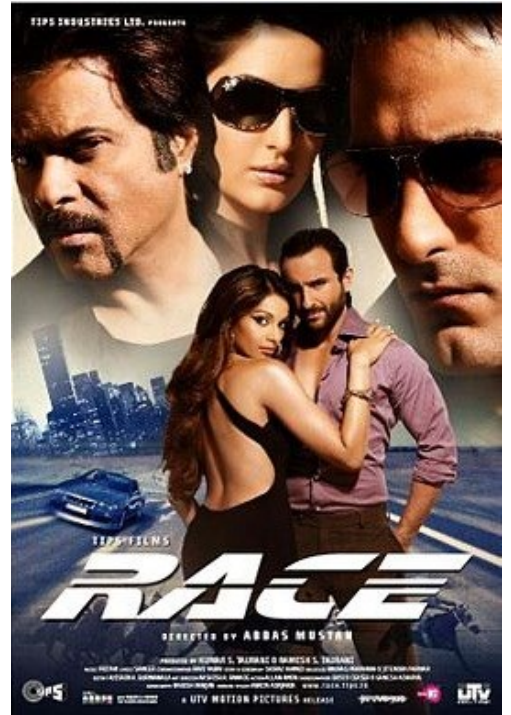
3 Idiots is an Indian Hindi film. It is a comedy film directed by Rajkumar Hirani. The film follows the friendship of three students and social pressures under an Indian education system.

I love the actors in this film, Amir Khan, R. Madhvan and Sharman Joshi. Amir Khan is my favourite actor. His acting is excellent and funny in this film.

I think if you have time in this lockdown you should try and watch this film. It's a fantastic film!

**Fardosh**

## **Race** **Suspense/Thriller, 2008**



Race is about two step-brothers who own a huge farm and horse racing business. When they learn that they have a common love interest one of them tries to kill the other and inherit the insurance money. It was filmed in Durban and Dubai.

This is one of my favourite movies. I love the actors in this film. Saif Ali Khan, Katrina Kaif, Akshaye Khanna and Bipasha Basu. My favourite character is Saif Ali Khan because he is amazing! His charm and performance are accurate for his role. I loved the twists and turns in this movie. It was refreshing.

Race is an excellent movie—you will love it!

**Mukaddasha**

## **Train to Busan** **Horror/Action, 2016**



When I have free time I like to watch films with my husband at night after my son goes to sleep. I watch many types of film; comedy, drama, action, romantic and crime but I just like to watch short films. I don't like to watch long films because I want it to finish before going to bed.

I watch a lot of films but I don't remember them. I just watch them and go to sleep easily but this time I remember a horror movie.

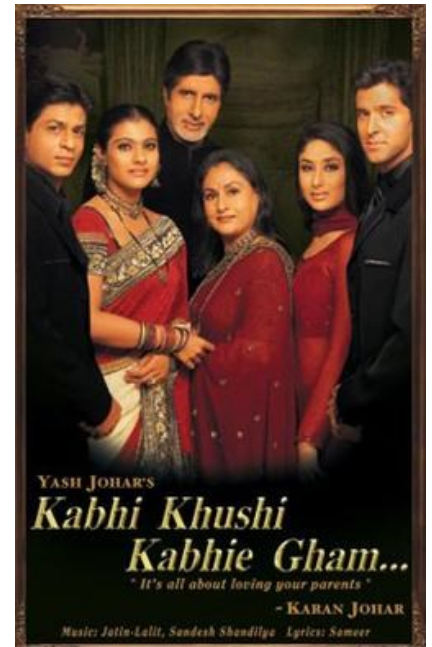
This film, Train to Busan was made in South Korea and released in 2016. The government does not notify the people about the danger of zombie virus. One infected man goes on to a train and bites everyone and all are infected.

At the end of the film only the girl and the pregnant woman characters live while everyone else dies.

I feel the zombie virus is very similar to corona virus, it's bad. After watching the movie I felt very sad and very scared.

**Nguyet**

## **Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham** **Romance/Musical, 2001**



The film type is drama and romantic. The film which was produced in India in 2001 was directed by Karan Johar.

Actors such as Alok Nath, Amitabh Bachan and Aryan Khan star in the cast.

Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham is about a businessman who has a happy life. His wife loves the children very much and shows great interest in them. Rahul, his stepson falls in love with a beautiful girl but his father protests that this girl is not in a good condition.

I like Bollywood films and this film is very good and means a lot to me.

If you like drama and romance you should watch this movie.

I give Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham \*\*\*\*\*

Go and watch it soon!

**Selime**



## **Hudayi Yolu (Hudayi Way)** ***Biography/Drama, 1993***



Aziz Mahmut Huday was born in Bursa in 1541. He was a judge but he decided to abandon his position and everything he owned to be a servant to God.

The film is about a man who is on the run and needs to find a boatman to get across the sea. An old boatman agrees but the weather is terrible. The young man is scared but suddenly the way is very calm and they continue their journey.

The old boatman starts to tell the young man all about Aziz Mahmud Hudayi and his wonderful life.

I like this film—it is fantastic—people must watch it!

**Sultan**



## **Titanic** ***Epic/Romantic/Disaster, 1997***

This is a cult film known all over the world. I watch it every time like the first time. It was directed, written and produced by James Cameron. The movie is about the 1912 sinking of the Titanic.

It stars Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio. The two play characters who are of different social classes. They fall in love after meeting aboard the ship but it was not good for a rich girl to fall in love with a poor boy in 1912.

Celine Dion's soundtrack has become one of the most popular and still beloved songs that penetrates the soul.

To create the sinking of the ship, scale models and computer generated imagery were used. Paramount pictures and 20th Century Fox helped with half of the funding for the movie.

If it was shown at the cinema I would be the first to stand in line. It was the most expensive movie ever made.

Rating \*\*\*\*\*

**Zhanna**

## **The Matrix** **Sci-fi, 1999**



A technologically stunning movie which has action and romance.

The film is set in two scenarios: the first is the real world and takes place in a post-apocalyptic future where machines cultivate humans as a source of energy. A small group of humans (Morpheus and Trinity) live as a resistance against the machines organizing themselves to rescue humans confined to cultivated fields; the second scenario takes place in a contemporary simulation of the year the film was released in which the protagonist, Neo, appears for the first time, named, The Matrix.

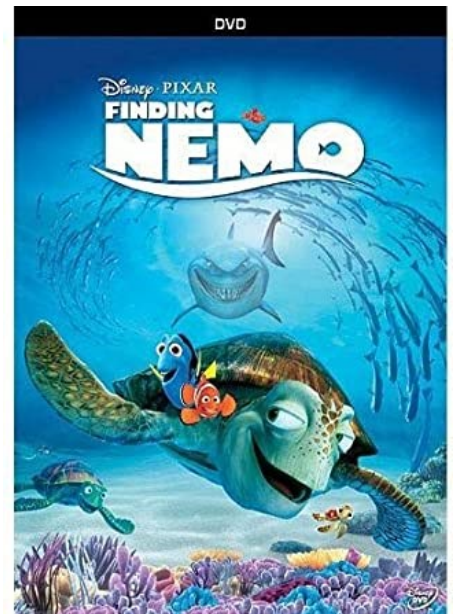
The plot involves the hacker, Neo, released by the resistance against The Matrix agents.

The visual effects of the bullet-time action are breathtaking! My favourite character is Neo, played by Keanu Reeves because when he starts to believe in himself he changes the world and understands The Matrix.

I would highly recommend The Matrix if you have a curious mind and ask yourself why you are here in this world..

I give 5 stars!

**Angela**



## **Finding Nemo** **Animation, 2003**

This film is about clownfish Nemo and his father Merlin's adventures. The film isn't based on a book. The film is produced by Pixar Animation Studios in America.

Nemo wants to discover the open ocean so he goes away from his home but the divers catch him in a little net. Merlin follows the sign to find his son.

While he was trying to find his son, he sees Dori. Merlin and Dori go through many adventures saving Nemo from the aquarium.

My favourite character is Merlin because he is brave and he is trying so hard to find his son.

There are some scary things. My daughter is scared of shark attacks but it might not be a problem for other children. Finally, this movie is a great option for kids and adults who love adventure.

**Ayse A**



## **Titanic** ***Epic Romance, 1997***

Titanic is about a love story and a big accident in the ocean. The film is based on a historic incident and love of a rich girl and poor man.

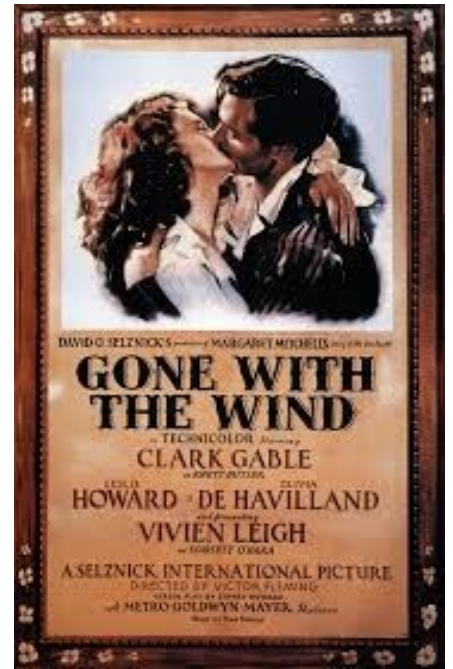
The film is set in America and was released in early 1997.

The stars in the film are Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet.

My favourite character is Leonardo DiCaprio because he is a handsome lovely person.

I think this is an ideal film for romantic people.

**Ayse T**



## **Gone with the Wind** ***Epic Historical Drama, 1939***

During the American civil war when fortunes and families were destroyed, Scarlett O'Hara, a young woman who was hit hard by the war, engages in a love-hate relationship with a charming adventurer.

Based on Margaret Mitchell's bestseller, *Gone with the Wind*, won 10 Academy awards and 5 nominations.

In my opinion this film is the best film in the last century. Everything in the film is great! Everything is perfect; costumes, photography, the actors and their wonderful performances.

For people who like epic, historical films, this is ideal.

**Elssye**



## **Star Trek (TV Series)** **Sci-fi, 1966**

Star Trek is about a starship called 'USS Enterprise' and its crew under the command of Captain Kirk. This TV show is based on the characters created by Gene Roddenberry and was designed to be like a western set in space.

Being set in space this opens up many background options, like inside the ship, strange new planets and much more...

I really like the acting in this show. Leonard Nimoy as Dr. Spock and William Shatner stars as Captain James Kirk. My favourite character is definitely Dr. Spock because he has a cold personality and is pragmatic, systematic, precise and also very clever and prepared.

I think this series is ideal for people who like sci-fi with action, adventure and sociological stories. It's sometimes a little exaggerated but super interesting because it shows us how unprepared and prejudiced we are to understand different cultures and ways of life.

I give 5 stars to Star Trek!

**Marcio**



## **Coco**

***Animation/Comedy/Adventure/Musical, 2017***

Coco is about a young boy who wants to be a musician and somehow finds himself in a community of talking skeletons in the Land of the Dead where he tries to find his grandfather who was a legendary singer.

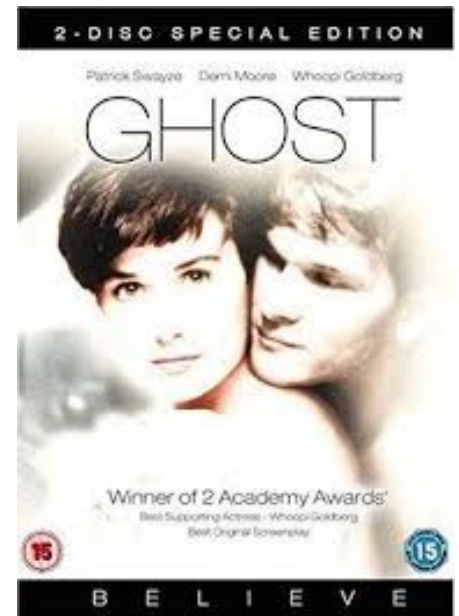
The film is set in Mexico and is based on a real tradition 'Day of the Dead.'

Miguel is my favourite character because is very funny, clever and follows his dream.

\*\*\*\* Really Good

**Maria**





## **Ghost** ***Romantic Drama, 1990***

Ghost is a romantic drama—it is a love story but a sad one. It tells the story of Sam who is killed by a mugger but his love for his girlfriend Molly is so strong that his spirit tries to warn Molly that she is in danger.

I love the acting in this film from Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore and I also love the soundtrack. They are my favourite actors in the film but also Whoopi Goldberg because she makes her character so convincing.

I think this film is an ideal film for people who like romantic drama.

I give Ghost \*\*\*\*\* Go and watch it!

**Pranee**



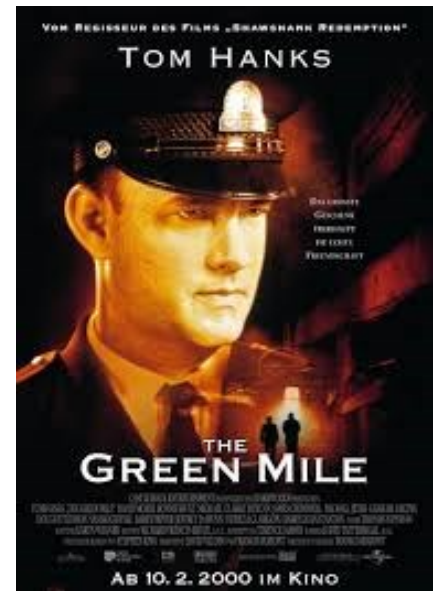
## **A Christmas Carol** ***Animation/Drama/Family, 2009***

This is a happy film. It is about how rich British people show their attitude to the poor.

My favourite character in the film is Bob Cratchit because his character shows how family should care about each other. Even when Tiny Tim was sick they still were celebrating Christmas.

I really like the film because it shows how we should help poor people and it lets this generation learn how it was in the 19th century.

**Selam**



## **The Green Mile** ***Biographical Drama, 1996***

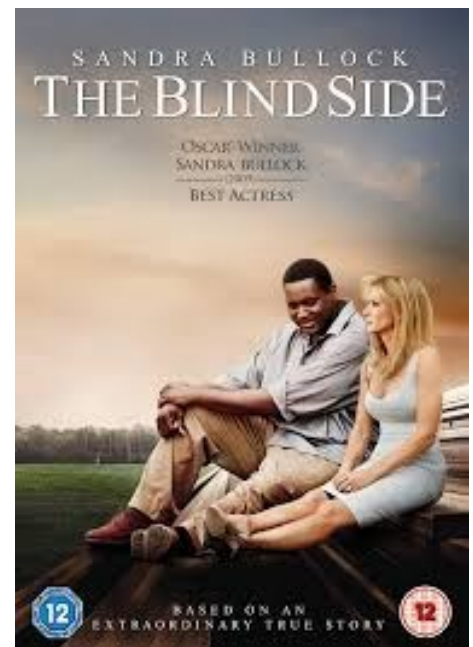
The film is about an exciting story of a man who is sentenced to death for a crime he didn't commit and how people are capable of absorbing pain and disease in an inexplicable way.

The film is based on a book The Green Mile by the author Stephen King. John Coffey and Tom Hanks are the main stars in the film.

My favourite character is Paul because even though he works in a prison he has a good heart and treats the prisoners very well. He believes that even if the prisoners are going to the death chair they might still regret what they did.

I recommend this film for people who enjoy true stories.

**Silvana**



## **The Blind Side** **Biography/Sport/Drama, 2009**

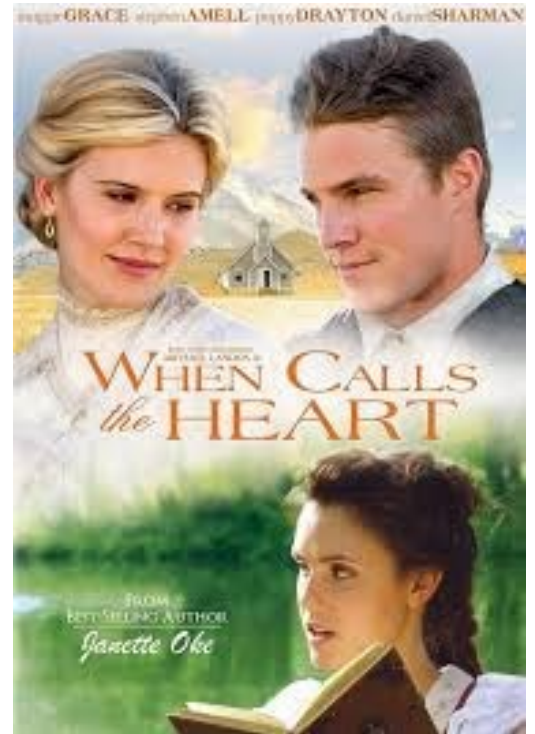
The film is based on a true story. The Blind Side is about an African American football player. The main stars are Quinton Aaron as Michael and Sandra Bullock as his mother.

The film tells the story of Michael as a homeless boy who is adopted by a family who give him love and care.

I love this film because it is a touching inspirational film. My favourite actor is Sandra Bullock because she is a great and brave mum.

It is a warm film and when I watch it I want to cry. I give The Blind Side \*\*\*\*\* If you like this kind of film, don't miss it!

**Yaya**



## **When Calls the Heart Family/Drama, 2013**

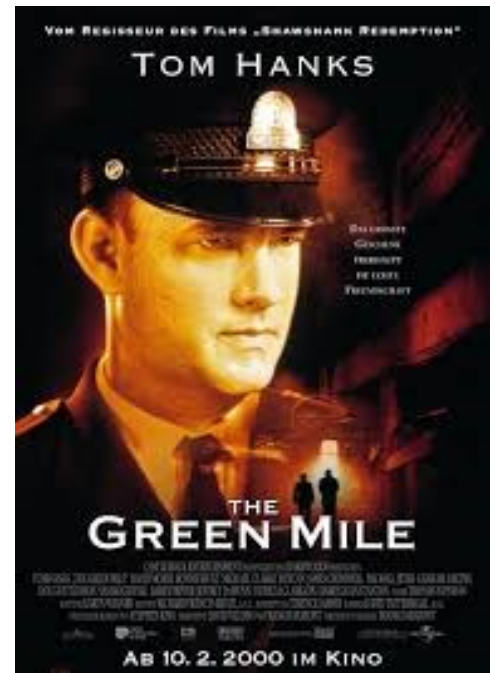
When Calls the Heart is about Elizabeth Thatcher. The film is based on a book by Janet Oke. The film is set in Vancouver, Canada and is set in early 1910.

It tells the story of a young teacher who comes from high society life to a small town filled with challenges. Her father sends a soldier, Jack, to look after her.

This film makes you feel good. It's about mentoring and educating children by a loving couple and caring neighborhood.

I think this is an ideal film for the family. I rate this film \*\*\*\*\* Go and watch it!

**Bizen**



## **The Green Mile** ***Fantasy/Drama, 1999***

The Green Mile is about a prisoner and a death row correction officer. John Coffey (Duncan) is a big man and they think he is a murderer but he has a heart like a child and he is scared from the dark. Also, he has a mysterious gift which Paul Edgecombe (Tom Hanks) as the guard in the prison notices. Coffey has super natural power and a good heart and now he thinks can he might be innocent.

The film is based on a book. The film is set in the United States of America and was released in December 1999.

I watched this movie when I was a child and I still remember how I felt in that moment. It is an emotional and quite a sad story. The story shows us that people can be awful and discriminate against others because of size or colour.

I think this movie is ideal for people who like to watch emotional movies.



## **The Notebook** ***Romance/Drama, 2009***

The Notebook is a film about a love story between a poor young man and a rich young woman. The film is based on a novel by Nicholas Sparks. The film is set in North Carolina in the 1940's.

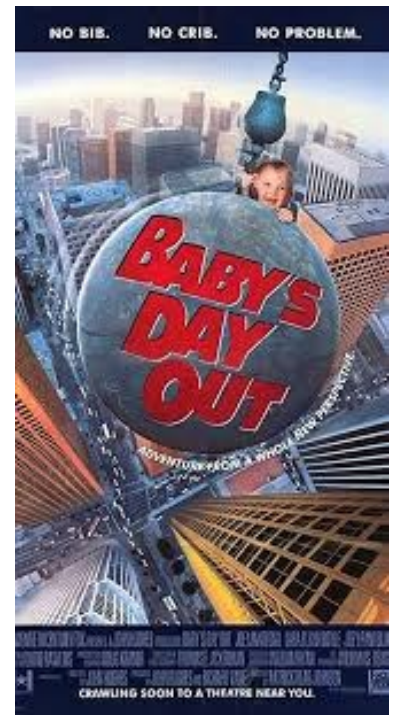
The film focuses on an old man reading a story to an old woman who has Alzheimer. He reads his own love story to Allie with the hope that she remembers their love in the hope that they can live a few more minutes of love which they have shared throughout their lives.

Give everything for love and leave everything to love, that's the Notebook! I love the way that Noah loves Allie without a doubt and he is my favourite character. I really like the acting of all the characters and I love Allie's clothes and hairstyles.

This film is for people who like love stories, it's worth seeing it because it's an unforgettable and beautiful love. The actors do an extraordinary job. I give The Notebook 5 stars!

**Monica**

## **Baby's Day Out** **Comedy/Family, 1994**



The film is called Baby's Day Out. This is a comedy film about a baby running away from home, across Chicago and the worried parents call the police to retrieve the baby, but there is also a kidnapper trio who are racing to get to the baby first.

The director of the film is Patrick Read Johnson. This film is based on a book written by John Hughes. This film is also set in Chicago.

My favourite character in the film is Joe Mantegna (who was a comedian in the film), because he made me laugh a lot!

The type of person that I think would like this film is a family person. I watched it with my children and we all had a good time.

I recommend that you watch this film because there is so much going on that you just can't stop watching, and I think it's amazing.

**Naima**





## **Slumdog Millionaire** **Drama/Romance, 2008**

This film is about a boy from the slums in Mumbai who sells tea. He goes on the show “Who wants to be a millionaire” and wins a million. He is arrested because the show host is suspicious the boy cheated. The police question him and he talks about his past to show how he knew the answers.

The stars of the film include; Dev Patel, Freida Pinto, Irrfan Khan and Anil Kapoor . My favourite character is Dev Patel who plays Jamal Malik because he uses his life experience to give answers and wins the show.

Any person that likes a good storyline because it feels real in the heart will enjoy this film. We learn about a poor person using life experiences to do well.

**Nakijahan**



## **No Escape** **Action/Thriller, 2015**

The plot involves a prime minister making a deal with a representative of a company specializing in water systems. The main character moves to Southeast Asia with his family for a better life but he finds himself in a very dangerous situation.

I like this film because it is very exciting and the soundtrack is impressive. It makes you watch to the end to find out what happens, it is full of suspense.

I would highly recommend this film because it is beautiful, fantastic and will have you on the edge of your seat until the very end and I am sure you will not regret watching it!

**Sabrina**