

Movie Review



The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Megan Hammond Biography

Megan Hammond is a student living in Glade Spring, Virginia. She is a 7th grader at Glade Spring Middle School and will move on to Patrick Henry High School to finish her K-12 schooling. She plays volleyball and enjoys traveling, watching movies, hanging out with her family and playing with her pets.

Megan's Book/ Movie Review

Everyone remembers the devastating time during World War 2 and the history that was made. I have very recently watched The Boy in the Striped Pajamas movie a historical drama based around the time of World War 2 and would like to give my full honest opinion. This movie is based on a best selling novel, The Boy in the Striped Pajamas written by John Boyne.

Based during War World 2 a boy named Bruno moves to Poland, leaving behind his best friends due to his father's work. He is restless and bored with his new home because he doesn't have very many friends in Poland until one day he takes an adventure into the woods and finds a boy his age named Schmel. The two boys then proceed to develop a shocking new friendship. The mother soon discovers their new house is not suitable for her children and starts to worry more about what is really going on at their new house.

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Bruno is played very well by actor Asa Butterfield that started his acting career when he was just 9 years old. His acting displays a boy who is very innocent and really doesn't know anything that is actually going on during this time and he perfectly displayed how he was feeling in the movie unlike some actors when it's very hard to tell how they are feeling. The other actor I believe was my favorite and did an outstanding job was Vera Farmiga. You could tell her acting was real in many scenes and not fake. In the book, it seems as if she really doesn't feel concerned about anything going on and is acting oblivious but in the movie, you can tell she is just devastated and surprised at what is really going on at the new house. When Bruno was in the camp and she went after him to find him you could tell she was heartbroken and truly distraught by what happened and I'm sure that's how anyone would act if that happened to their child.

I liked the movie because of how realistic it was and how well the actors played their characters. The camp scenes I thought were the best parts because of how realistic they were because that's how they were actually treated in the camps and the actors made it seem very real based on their acting skills because for example the mother like I mentioned earlier was very devastated by what happened to Bruno and like I stated before I'm sure that's how any mother would act if that happened to their child.

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I learned that no matter where you come from and what situation you are in you can still be a nice person because although Schmuell was in the camp he was still nice and not rude maybe like other kids at the camp may have been and the other lesson I learned was to be nice to everyone just because they may not be the same as you. For example, Bruno was a German and Schmuell was a Jew but that didn't stop their friendship from developing.

This movie is PG-13, a rating just to be safe because to watch this movie you would need to be a little mature to understand and handle some of the scenes and some scenes may not be suitable for some younger children, for example, a statement from the movie when Lieutenant Kotler stated " They smell even worse when they are burning." I rate this movie a 9.7 out of 10 because it was overall a great movie. The actors did an amazing job displaying the characters and it was very realistic with how the camps looked and how the Jews looked because they were not fed very much and were very weak.

Hannah Kilby's Biography

Hannah is a 7th-grade student who attends the middle school GSMS. She enjoys hanging out with her closest friends, editing BTS concerts, reading, and testing out different styles. Her main interests are It, BTS, and Brooklyn Nine-Nine. Her favorite songs include; Love/Hate, Mikrokosmos, Like Real People Do, and Boy in Luv.

Hannah's Book/Movie Review

I just recently watched the film and I have some things I would like to say about it, for future viewers and all in good intentions, of course. This film/novel is historical fiction and is based around the time of the Holocaust.

A young boy named Bruno and his family move to a place called Out-With in Auschwitz, Germany. Bruno is oblivious to the damage being done outside of the gates that keep him held inside. He's an explorer, and his journey leads him to somewhere he doesn't belong.

Vera Farmiga (Elsa), was one of the best actresses in the film. She performed very emotional scenes, and she did an amazing job portraying the character. Most of the adult characters were the best actors and actresses. I mainly think that because they aren't as young and have more experience in acting in such intense ways. Asa Butterfield (Bruno), and Jack Scanlon (Shmuel), were both the weakest actors of the film, which was quite unfortunate since they were the most important characters.

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I really liked the scene with *The Fury*. It might have been a very intense scene and it nearly wanted to make you jump out of your seat, but I really think that the acting was done well. It almost felt real. Like it was a clip from 1942 with a regular, modern family, at dinner with Adolf Hitler and trying not to disappoint him. I really didn't like the ending scene too much. Not because it was necessarily the end, but it just left out a lot of the details. It didn't include some of the things said and quoted in the novel, and I was a little disappointed with the outcome.

Something that I learned from the story was that we are all equal. We are all the same, and a religion or certain belief shouldn't divide us. We all mean well, and we are all people. There's no reason you should shut anyone out for what they believe in, the way they act, the way they style their hair in the morning. We're all here for the same reason.

I think that, for this type of movie, an older audience would enjoy it. Just because they understand the story better than a 9-year-old would, and know the history behind it. I would rate it a PG-13 type film. And the final question..is it good or bad? It's a very good film, but, some things were added in there that make it seem like a bad film. But it's overall a very well written, educational, and truly heartbreaking film. I give it a 4 out of 5.

Michael Jenkins Biography

Michael Jenkins is a seventh-grader at GSMS middle school. He is a resident in Virginia. He is involved in football and multiple other school events, he keeps a steady grade within all his classes. He enjoys multiple hobbies including games, rock collecting, and playing the clarinet.

Michael Jenkins' Book/Movie Review

After watching this movie (the boy in the striped pajamas). I was left with tears in my eyes. It was a very sad movie. There were so many twists and turns in this movie.gave a tremendous background story and gave some much info.

The story takes place some time in WW2. The story is about a boy named Bruno ho is forced to move from his beautiful house in a place called Berlin to a new house he makes a new friend at his new house he keeps it a secret because of his friend a jew. Bruno and a new friend named Shmuel the main characters

I personally loved Asa Maxwell Thornton Farr Butterfield and Jack Scanlon's roles as Bruno and Shmuel the way that they made me remember when I moved from my old home and how hard it was to get used to the new house and what it was like to make new friends.

I loved this movie and so many different parts of it my favorite part it is when Bruno sneaks food to take to Shmuel but got caught sneaking and lied and said that it was books that their teacher gave them and his mom asked to see the books and Bruno said that he had told a lied and said that they were adventure books and his mom was ok with that and Bruno left with the food and went to where him and Shmuel had been meeting.

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What I have learned from this story is not to judge people from what everyone else is saying about them that you should make that decision on your own and see what that person is like and not take other people's opinions. I think that others could see so many different morals depending on how they see the movie. So see for yourself.

I believe that this movie should be P.G and be enjoyed by multiple people. I loved this movie and should watch it closely to see the effort that the people who made this movie put so much detail into their work.

This movie in my eyes should be 87% on rotten tomatoes. I also recommend this movie to everyone. this movie is awesome to chill and relax and watch with the rest of the family.

Josh Mink's Biography

Well I was born on October 19, 2006, in the bristol hospital in bristol and I live in Glade Spring and I go to Glade Spring Middle School. I have many friends that I enjoy to hang around. I have a Mom and Dad and they both work. My mom is a 6th-grade teacher and my dad works at Hapco. I have family in Boston, West Virginia, and Virginia.

And that's it with my life and my project.

Thank you

Josh Mink's Book/Movie Review

Well, my book is The Boy In The Striped Pajamas and this book Well, the movie set was back in WW11 when nazis were a big power in the world and the nazis just invaded Poland and start to take jews to camps. Well, my opinion about the story is that it's too sad and hurtful and too much drama and I don't like drama at all it's just not my thing. And if you don't like drama this is not the movie for you.

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Well, the book starts off with Bruno playing with his friends and then he noticed that there were men going inside with flowers. Then he went inside and they were moving furniture around and making a big open space. He then found out that he was moving to a new home. When he got to the home he was surprised at how small it was from the minute he looked at it. When he got inside he was already feeling depressed. Bruno's room, he then notices something out of his windows. Then he Then he built a swing. When he went to the back garden and went through the window he soon notices he was in the woods of where that camp is located he wants through the woods to the camp where there were big fencing all around and then he sees a person like him and that is when he found out about Shmuel. Then some time passed and Shmuel father went missing and Bruno help to find him dressed like a jew.

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Well, my opinion is that everyone did a good job of acting in this movie and I like the movie due to the actors. So I say the people who picked the actors did a good job of picking the best for the part.

Well, what I like about the movie is that you see the characters come to life and get a good visual on what they look like then we try to imagine a character in a book. The movie does add drama which I don't like in this story but there are parts of the movie that I like, like when Bruno found Schmuel and they became friends and that was the best thing about the movie and book in my case.

Well, the lessons I learned from the story are to stay out of harm's way and always tell the truth and stay out of the parent's conversations and arguments. And always tell the truth and stay true to the rules of the house because they are there for a reason. To keep you and your siblings safe from harm. I think others will learn from this movie to follow rules, stay out of places you are not supposed to be in, and never lie.

Well, this movie is very emotional and very hard not to cry. I would do a school rating and level to 7th grade and pg13. Because the movie is very sad at the very end and many people have cried and I just say to do the movie with a mature audience.

Brady Hurd's Film/Movie Reviews

My name is Brady Hurd. I am a 7th grader at GSMS. I have a dog named Spot, he loves to play all the time and run in the snow during the winter. My mom and I love hot cocoa and eating mints in the winter time. I love to swim, golf, and play videogames with all of my friends.

Brady Hurd's Book/Movie Review

The book starts out with a boy named Bruno who lives in Berlin with his mother who loves Gretel more than Bruno and father who is a German commandant and is passionate about his work. Bruno has many friends in Berlin and enjoys playing games and acting like an airplane with them.

The father gets orders that he needs to move to Poland to a house called out with where he doesn't like it at first and wants to go home to Berlin but then he starts growing attached to his new home. He also makes a friend whose name is Shmuel. He brings food, chocolate, and cake to him every day.

Bruno and Shmuel get a close bond. By this point, he can't remember Carl, Martin, and Daniel (his friends). Then Shmuel's father then goes missing and Shmuel's been looking for him.

The day Shmuel's father goes missing Shmuel and Bruno come up with a plan to find him. Their plan is to disguise Bruno as a Jew and sneak him in to help him look. So their plan to get a pair of clothes for Bruno.

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That same day Bruno does the same as before and goes outside. The mom comes home to find no Bruno so everyone starts looking for him. By this time he's already at the hut looking for him. Then suddenly everyone is trying to get out and along a narrow road. To a big airtight building. Bruno and Shmuel guess its to get out of the rain but then the guys say to take off all your clothes so they all do so and then they get gassed and everyone was very emotional.

Break Bucks Biography

Break buck's favorite things are karate, reading, sai practice, and gaming. She has a ps4 and switch and is on them for 20 hours a day. Her favorite thing in the world is her chameleon, Borris <3. It's sad he'll only live for 5 years. Her favorite book is small steps by Louis Sachar. She has read it 3 times and enjoyed just as much each time. Her favorite movie is moonlight directed by barry jenkins. Her all-time goal is to be a black belt. The test for her next belt is tomorrow and she's never been so nervous about anything in her whole life. Her favorite teacher this year is you because you seem like a really good person. She personally thinks you're the best teacher in 7th grade. She really likes your teaching methods, and you don't make everything boring like most teachers.

Break Bucks Film Review

I'm almost certain that everybody knows of the holocaust and the horrible things that took place. John Boyne talks about this in the boy in the striped pajamas. This movie takes place in world war 2, Auschwitz, Germany. He made this series into a book and movie. I was to read the book, watch the film, and write about which I think is better. The boy in the striped pajamas is about a young, adventurous boy named Bruno and his family who have to move because of his father's job. He has a sister, Gretel, who isn't that important to the story. Young Bruno loves to go on adventures, but sometimes he finds things he does not wish to. He found Auschwitz, which Bruno refers to as Out-with, the most famous concentration camp to ever exist. He wanders by the gate and finds a pale, skinny boy named Shmuel sitting by himself looking out of the gate. They become friends and talk every day, even though they are not supposed to talk because Bruno is the child of a nazi, and Shmuel is a jew. clearly the most experienced. All of the other actors did alright. Bruno did well for his age, but Shmuel wasn't as good.

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Personally, I would only recommend this movie if you are very interested in ww11, or studying ww11. This film will give you a perspective of what people were like during those times. If I was rating the MPAA, I would say it was pg-13. Overall, the movie was decent.

I would say this movie was a 7/10 and had a 69% in rotten tomatoes. I would give the book a 9/10.

