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Wonder Woman

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Movie Review

Title: Wonder Woman
Main Performers: Gal Gadot, Chris Pine, David Thewlis, Robin Wright
Director: Patty Jenkins
Producer: Charles Roven, Deborah Snyder, Zack Snyder, Richard Suckle
Reviewer: Abigail Packard
Studio: DC Films
Year Released: 2017
Run Time: 141 minutes
MPAA Rating: PG-13
Interest Level: Excellent
Rating: Young Adult



Review

Diana is an Amazonian warrior princess living on the secluded and safe island of Themyscira. Her mother refuses to let Diana train as a warrior, but Diana's aunt insists and teaches Diana despite the queen's disapproval. Their peaceful lives are interrupted when a WWI pilot crashes into their protected seas. Diana rescues the man, but a fight breaks out between the Germans pursuing the pilot and the Amazons. The warriors triumph, but learn about the great war in the outside world. Diana is convinced that Ares, the god of war, has returned to destroy humankind. Diana and the pilot, Steve, travel to England to deliver a book of crucial information. Diana insists that Steve take her to the front lines so that she can find and combat Ares. In spite of orders, Steve takes Diana and a ragtag crew to the front to stop the Germans from releasing a deadly gas. They manage to stop a plane from dropping the gas bombs, but at the steep price of Steve's life. Diana discovers Ares among their allies and, after an epic battle, defeats him.

Filled with humor, adventure, epic battle scenes, and stunning visuals, this film and feminine hero are welcomed additions to the cannon of hero movies. Gal Gadot plays a spectacular Diana; a Diana that is kind and generous, naive and childlike, powerful and strong, gentle and vulnerable all wrapped up into one gorgeous character. The rest of the cast perform adequately, but Gadot dominates this film. Diana's origin story is refreshingly unknown and new, but the timeless themes of good vs. evil, love vs. hate, and peace vs. war are woven into the story making the plot familiar, if somewhat predictable. The romance between Steve and Diana is quirky and fun, never visually sexual if a bit verbally sexual. Wonder Woman is an epic comic book hero movie that can stand tall with the best of them.

*Contains moderate violence and mild sexual content.