

FILM REVIEW: *Saving Private Ryan*

Saving Private Ryan (1998)

Cast: Tom Hanks, Tom Sizemore, Edward Burns
Baug Pepper, Vin Diesel, Matt Damon ...

Director: Steven Spielberg

Genre: Action, Drama



Spielberg's film is a classic of war movies, (it was elected in 2009 best all-time war movies from fans), the war aspect (battles...) is just so real and stunning. Despite this we may wonder if the story is just as realistic.

Private Ryan the last survivor after the death of his three brothers of a family of soldiers must be brought home in Peyton, Iowa, USA alive for his mother.

A band of brothers is assigned to find and save him, led by Captain John H Miller played by a remarkable Tom Hanks. They will face many obstacles to find him in order to reduce Mrs Ryan's pain.

The first half hour of the movie is epic. On Omaha Beach June 6 1944 in this tense, intense and cold atmosphere, we have the perfect image of the soldier. A man who puts his squad first and never lets them even if they are dying. We have here a perfect example with Captain Miller who made sure that each soldier had left the beach and tried to save everyone even if there is only little hope, he showed courage and heroism. We must note the stunning visuals of this scene because it was worked to look the most to what happened this summer 1944.

We have in the film the image of a welded America who cares about its citizens and their feelings: after the news that three brothers were killed on the battlefield, the goal is now to save the fourth and last one. All ranks of the army are united to approve the mission.

I was septic because we may wonder if an army could really risk the life of eight men just to save one. If this is the case then we have a beautiful lesson of patriotism but the story could not seem real.

Saving Private Ryan is one of the cult war movies where fraternity and patriotism are honored. We have 170 minutes retracing through a historical moment, World War II the admirable and painful journey of a unit to save one of them.

It is a masterpiece that could not have been done without this amazing cast and if the actors had not got into the characters's skin the way they did.

A Must See!

Fatty Mariama