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THE GOOD DINOSAUR

Reviews by student reporters

By Mackenzie Cathcart and Shaynee Roden

The Good Dinosaur is a story about a young dinosaur named Arlo. He is the youngest out of three children. Ever since he came out of his egg, he has been afraid of the world and his surroundings. His Papa has been by his side assisting him to make his mark, until one day everything changed.

Pixar Animation Studios takes us on a journey as we watch Arlo form unlikely friendships, discover who he is and conquer his fears.

In the movie the main character Arlo, is voiced by Raymond Ochoa and his co-star Spot, is voiced by Jack Bright.

The director is Peter Sohn and the producer is Denise Rean.

The movie in our opinion is adventurous, emotional, mysterious, hilarious and detailed. The animation was terrific and the special effects were amazing. Everything looked and felt so real and lifelike.

We would recommend this movie because it is appropriate for all ages and is very enjoyable engaging and entertaining.

You should definitely watch this film if you are looking for a good family movie these holidays. It makes you laugh, it makes you cry and you will come out of the movie wanting to see it again.

five out of five stars

By Estelle Fleming

The Good Dinosaur is a Disney Pixar animated family movie which follows the journey of Arlo, the 11 year old Apatosaurus, as he makes his mark on the world.

Directed by Peter Sohn, The Good Dinosaur explores the contrasting themes of fear and courage, as well as the themes of friendship and family.

Pixar Animation Studios depicts what life could be like if dinosaurs never became extinct. This beautifully animated film shows the viewer that by confronting your fears, you can see what you are truly capable of.

After being washed down a raging river, Arlo is separated from his beloved family. While struggling to survive against the harsh weather conditions, Arlo meets a Neanderthal boy, called Spot.

While confronting their fears together, the unlikely duo courageously venture into the wilderness determined to reunite Arlo with his family.

As fear is an emotion experienced by most children, I feel this is a very relatable movie for all ages. I enjoyed the determination and courage displayed by the characters as they navigate their way through the unfamiliar wilderness.

I believe the obstacles that Arlo overcomes, send a very powerful and important message to children. The Good Dinosaur takes viewers on an emotional adventurous ride through the beautiful but sometimes frightening wilderness as Arlo overcomes his fears. I recommend this movie as a great holiday activity for children and families.

The Good Dinosaur is a must see movie available for viewing from December 26, 2015 at local cinemas.

4 out of 5 stars.

By Olivia Fleming

Disney Pixar's The Good Dinosaur is a beautiful animated family movie directed by Peter Sohn.

It successfully explores the themes of family, friendship, fear and belonging.

It stars Raymond Ochoa as Arlo, Jeffery Right as Poppa and Frances McDormand as Momma, just to name a few.

It follows the journey of a scared and frightened 11 year old dinosaur called Arlo, who is separated from his beloved family after being washed down a river in a storm. With his determination to make 'his mark' he desperately tries to find his way home, however like most things in life, he will have to overcome numerous obstacles.

Luckily, he crosses paths with an unlikely friend who offers his help and support. At first, Arlo is uncertain about the motives of his new companion however their friendship deepens and they form an inseparable bond.

We all face fears and The Good Dinosaur shows that overcoming your fears can result in beauty, as demonstrated when Arlo and his father play late one night with fireflies.

The Good Dinosaur showcases a very important message, if you are willing to face your fears you can discover what you are truly capable of, as Arlo shows through his determination to return home to his family. I really enjoyed The Good Dinosaur as it explored a variety of contrasting themes and emotions. I highly recommend The Good Dinosaur as it is a perfect holiday activity to do with your loved ones, so look for it in the cinemas from December the 26.

4/5 stars

By Andrew Simpson

This animation has a different take on how our world evolved if an asteroid hadn't struck the Earth.

Produced by Denise Ream and directed by Peter Sohn, the Disney Pixar film sees Arlo a young Apatosaurus and the main character, trying to make his mark in his world, struggling with fear of many things.

As the movie progresses Arlo goes on many adventures and like many dinosaur movies you have your favourites like the TRex.

Arlo also makes friends with a human boy whom he names Spot and over time a friendship develops.

A movie about friendship and overcoming fears, it was great to watch and I would love to see it again.

The Good Dinosaur will be released on December 26, 2015. Don't miss this one.

4 out of 5 stars

By Abigail Stolz

Disney Pixar's The Good Dinosaur is a great movie for all ages, young and old.

A young dinosaur called Arlo (voice of Raymond Ochoa) is the youngest and smallest of the litter and, like the rest of his family, wants to make his mark but in the process accidentally ends up far away from home with Spot (voice of Jack Bright), his human pet.

The only problem is Arlo is afraid of almost everything and the only way to get back to his family is to overcome those fears. With the help of Spot and a few other dinosaur friends and with his dad's words in his head, Arlo finds his way back home.

The Good Dinosaur, written by Bob Peterson and directed by Peter Sohn, comes out on December 26 in your local cinema.

I think that everyone should go and watch The Good Dinosaur as it is so heart-warming.

5/5 stars

By Frankie Low

Disney Pixar's The Good Dinosaur by Peter Sohn shows a world which was never hit by an asteroid.

Arlo the Apatosaurus dinosaur takes us through an epic journey of life, without the support of his family that others have.

He is the runt of his litter and the smallest, weakest, slowest most fearful dinosaur of the pack. He has a special relationship with his father 'Poppa' who shows Arlo that there is magic if you look beyond the fear.

Arlo is separated from his family and unsuccessfully tries to make his way home. In the process he meets a little cave boy named Spot.

Spot is Arlo's protector. Spot is a feisty and courageous little boy who is the opposite of Arlo. And in this story these two personalities complement each other. At first Arlo pushes him away but soon they become inseparable.

This is a coming of age story where both the main characters grow with each other.

I enjoyed this film because it was a heart rending tale with the message that if you confront your fears something good will become of them.

four and a half stars out of five

By Kiana Reeves, Emily Ikin, Alex Cameron and Lara James

Disney Pixar's The Good Dinosaur, screening at cinemas in 3D from Boxing Day, December 26, 2015, is a movie about an eleven year old Apatosaurus named Arlo who was afraid of everything from the moment his egg cracked open.

Desperately trying to make his mark when a tragic accident happens leaving Arlo even more afraid.

When a terrifying storm comes Arlo gets lost but with the help of Spot he can find his way back home again. Forced to face his fears Arlo can only get stronger when some obstacles may appear.

The lead characters in this movie are Arlo (voiced by Raymond Ochoa) and Spot (voiced by Jack Bright). The Good Dinosaur is directed by Peter Sohn and produced by Denise Ream. We would recommend this movie to people around the age of nine and up. There is so much suspense in this movie especially in 3D.

Some parts in The Good Dinosaur will make you want to cry and some will make you laugh.

This movie is different from other animation movies because one of the main characters doesn't talk but only gives a few grunts, tears, giggles and occasionally a roar or a howl.

We couldn't even decide on a favourite part because there are just too many to choose from.

The Good Dinosaur has it all from sadness to scariness to moments where you just want to laugh. We would encourage everyone to watch this film.

four stars out of five



PREVIEW GUESTS: Student reviewer, Frankie Low (centre) with friend Maya (left) and her brother (right) at the recent preview of The Good Dinosaur at the Birch Carroll & Coyle Cinemas Maroochydore.