Love and Basketball..... The Greatest Movie

My all time favorite movie is *Love and Basketball*. The two main characters in this film are Quincy and Monica. Their roles are played by Omar Epps and Sanaa Lathan. This film is about a young couple who defeats all odds to be with one another. They met one another at the age of 11 and became childhood sweethearts. Throughout the movie the struggle between the two of them is to not allow their passion for basketball, and life itself, get in the way of their love. The film shows that despite how stubborn the two of them are, they’re simply meant to be with one another. It is simply amazing! Love, tears, and DRAMA are what this film shows. Every female I have ever met loves this movie. I have seen it a million times and still cry at certain parts.

I would say the recommended audience for this movie is teenagers between the ages of 16 and 19. The reason I chose this age group is because these are usually the ages where teens tend to fall in and look for love. This movie gives teenagers the opportunity to witness true love. I have many friends who get discouraged when looking for a girlfriend/boyfriend. I have heard many girls say that there are no good guys left in the world. This movie gives hope that there are still good people in the world. One thing I learned from this movie is that you have to go after the things you want out of life. No one is going to give you anything in life. You should never give up on something because it seems “too hard”. Monica proved this point in the movie. Despite the fact that Quincy was getting married at the end of the film, she chose to challenge him in a basketball match, in exchange for his heart.

The amount of love shown in this film is what appeals to the audience. Many teenagers hope to find that one special person. What appealed to me was that the characters were “regular” teenagers. They didn’t grow up in a wealthy neighborhood and family. They weren’t necessarily from the ghetto. They both grew up in nice middle class families. They had a talent and worked together to perfect their talent. Their success is a result of hard work. The setting of this movie allows other teens to relate to the film more.

I fell in love with the movie the very first time I saw it. I thought Monica was a beautiful young lady. I felt the actors did a great job acting out the film. I also felt that Quincy was an attractive young man. They only thing I didn’t like about this film was that it was too sexually explicit for a PG-13 film. Yes, teenagers nowadays know about sex, but the scene where Quincy takes Monica’s virginity was a bit too much. Something I also noticed is that the film is more about their love for one another, oppose to basketball.

The director of this film is Gina Prince-Bythewood. I feel she directed this film very well. Just like in the actual game of basketball, she was able to save the best for last. She played out the harsh realities of love. There were parts in the movie were you wanted to scream at the characters and tell they were meant for one another. Gina Prince-Bythewood did a great job allowing the story to unfold. *Love and Basketball* received many different awards, including, NAACP Awards, Black Reel Awards, and Bet Awards.
I would recommend the film to any and everyone to watch. You cannot help but to fall in love with the characters and the story itself. I plan to go home and watch the film again tonight. *Love and Basketball* is a classic and will always remain my all time favorite movie.