

Lego Movie Review

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Nothing in the world occupied my time during my childhood than Legos, which explains why there are several thousand packed away in boxes. Having grown out of this phase in my life, the idea of a film about Legos appeared pretty farcical. How could anyone turn mini plastic bricks into a movie? However, I heard nothing but excellent reviews from everyone who went to see it—I needed to see it for myself! The story begins as the sinister Lord Business defeats Vitruvius, guardian of the super weapon known as the Kragle. Before Lord Business leaves with the Kragle to ensure conformity and order in Lego society, Vitruvius delivers the prophecy of the “Special” who will defeat the Kragle with the Piece of Resistance. Flash-forward several years, we meet Emmet Brickowski, an average, happy Lego citizen, as he follows the exact same, doctrinal Lego instructions as everyone else. He works at a construction site and blends in with the crowd as everyone else does. At the end of the workday, Emmet’s set of instructions blows away. He frantically chases it and discovers a pit in the ground that contains the Piece of Resistance. After touching it, he finds himself under interrogation by Lord Business’ minion, Bad Cop. Before he can retrieve the Piece of Resistance, the Master Builder Wyldstyle rescues Emmet and takes him to Vitruvius. Together, they form a rebellion against Lord Business’ reign of unimaginative conformity. Lego Movie surpassed everything I could have predicted for a movie based on a legendary toy series. One could not find me in any part of the movie keeping a straight face, for its hilarity kept me laughing the whole way through. It is by no means a “kids” movie because Lego Movie earned two thumbs up from my entire family! Aside from that, the cast’s all-star lineup including Morgan Freeman, Will Ferrell, and even Shaquille O’Neal brings lots of enthusiasm and talent. Even the plot kept me on edge. I could never predict what would happen next when everything from pirate ships to space ships kept popping up. Every event seemed spontaneous. If anything, the plot could have been a little less chaotic at times. I often found my senses overwhelmed with everything that was going on, which lessened the climactic parts. In the end, I felt very nostalgic of my afternoons spent with Legos. Lego Movie is a great movie for anyone looking for a light, comedic adventure which is dominated by out-of-control plastic Legos!