

A diamond of a film with a big heart and interesting ideas

Life can be difficult and complicated. We often face unexpected situations and get dragged by fate until it's difficult to know which way to turn. We are labeled by others, by various systems and by ourselves. We are 'this' type of person, or 'that' type of person. In order to discover our true calling, what defines us, we have to go on a journey.

This journey doesn't have to be a literal one, it can unfold in one location. You can embark on a journey without even leaving your hometown. This is what happens to Will Hunting throughout this wonderful film. Will is a young boy who works as a cleaner at one of the most famous universities in the world, Harvard. At night he cleans the school floors and solves mathematical problems that have been left for students by lecturers. We soon discover that Will is an educational genius and one of the teachers decides to help him strive for a better life and become respected for his skills. But, Will does not want this. In an attempt to help, the lecturer arranges for Will to see a therapist. We follow these sessions alongside Will's life as he gets to know Sean, the therapist, and as he decides what he is going to do.

I really enjoyed this film. The characters, dialogue and story are fantastic. It's amazing to see a young Matt Damon and Ben Affleck at the start of their acting careers opposite one of the best comedy actors of all time, Robin Williams. Damon and Affleck should also be commended for their very funny and intense script. Many hard truths are covered in the film, but they are not in any way 'cheesy'. The messages are clear and perfectly rooted in the nature of the film.

I would recommend this film to anyone who is a Robin Williams fan, as this is one of his greatest performances. I would also recommend it to anyone who enjoys a 'feel-good film' or to someone who is pondering the direction of their life.