BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA – 2007

PLAN FOR A FILM REVIEW

- What is the plot summary?

- Who are the main characters, the actors that portray them and their role in the story line?

- Where is the movie filmed?

- What is the genre of the movie and who is its targeted audience?

- How does this movie compare to other movie that are similar?

- Do you think that this movie should have a sequel?

- Is the movie worth seeing and what rating would I give it?
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Bridge to Terabithia was released in 2007. It’s a story about a young boy named Jessie (portrayed by Josh Hutcherson) who doesn’t have any friends and is bullied at school by Janice Avery (portrayed by Laura Clinton) and Scott Hoager (portrayed by Cameron Wakefield). Jessie’s little sister, May Belle (portrayed by Bailee Madison) worships him even though they annoy each other. That soon ends when Leslie Burke (portrayed by AnnaSophia Robb) comes to school. Their friendship doesn’t get off to a good start but when they find out that they live next door to each other, things soon change.

Gradually their friendship grows but they keep it a secret at school until after a few months, their carelessness leads to the whole school knowing about Jessie and his new “girlfriend” Leslie. Then one day, Leslie asks Jessie if he wants to make their own magical world that only they could see, ruling in the woods behind their houses. Terabithia was born. Leslie’s sayings of “keep your eyes closed and your mind wide open” and “nothing crushes us”, keeps their magic alive. They escape to Terabithia every afternoon to have fun together. Their adventures together are fun and great yet scary! Their experiences together will stay with Jessie all his life and the ending of the story has a twist that I didn’t see coming.

The movie is filmed in Auckland, New Zealand but is set in a country town in central America. The movie genre is a mix of fantasy, adventure, family and drama appealing to the 7 to 12 year old age group. In comparison to similar movies such as Narnia and Harry Potter, Bridge to Terabithia rates a poor second. Hopefully the Producers don’t create a sequel!!!