

GAZETTE

Hollywood & Westwood

SHUTTER ISLAND

**A MYSTERY BETTER SEEN TWICE**

Shutter Island was directed by Martin Scorsese and starred Leonardo DiCaprio. It's a mystery about a psychiatric hospital on an isolated island. First, I think this movie makes you confused when you watch it for the first time. For example, the timeline of this movie is unclear and scenes that are difficult to understand play out for nearly two hours without explanation. Second, your understanding of the film will change dramatically depending on whether you watch it the first time or the second time. For example, the scene at the beginning of the film in which Teddy, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, gets seasick has a hidden meaning behind it: the trauma he experienced after losing his child to drowning. If you've seen this movie and know the ending, you'll notice something new the second time you watch it.

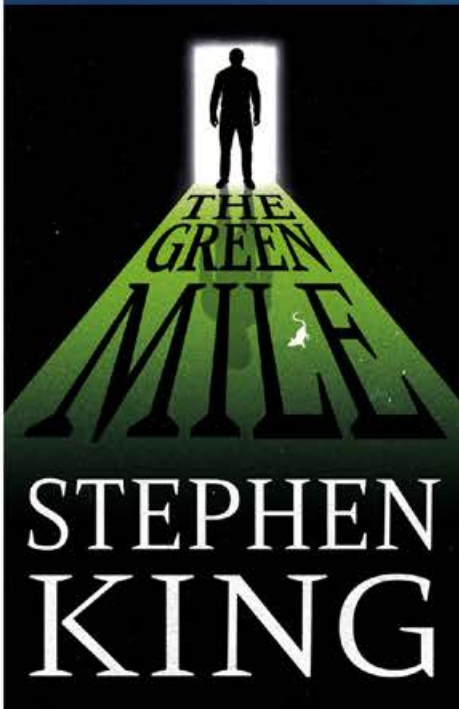
By Yuka M.

THE INTERN IS MORE THAN A COMEDY

The Intern is performed by two main actors, Robert De Niro and Anne Hathaway, and directed by Nancy Meyers. The genre is categorized as a comedy drama, but I think it's more of a human comedy or a heartwarming drama. The story takes place in the fashion industry in New York City. One day, 70-year-old widower Ben comes to work as a senior intern for Jules, who is the founder and a CEO of an online fashion website. Ben's charm, wisdom, and sense of humor help her, and he develops a special bond with Jules and her co-workers. I enjoyed The Intern so much that I have seen the film more than 5 times because I was able to gain some valuable knowledge from Robert De Niro's characterization, and specifically Ben's personality.

By Anna





THE GREEN MILE: A PRISON MOVIE THAT FREES YOUR EMOTIONS

First, I felt bad when *The Green Mile* started because a black man got the death penalty for committing rape, but he's a gentle person with extraordinary special powers. Namely, he takes people's illnesses into his own body by touching them and then dispels them for good. For example, when the black convict learns of the chief guard's illness, he cures him. That is why the chief guard doesn't believe the prisoner can harm people and is actually not guilty.

Second, I really liked watching the chief guard and the black man's evolving, beautiful friendship. You feel the intensity of emotion between them. For example, there is racism in the movie such as when other white prisoners and guards try to harm the black man, but the chief guard always protects him and tries to prove his innocence.

Third, Tom Hanks and Michael Clarke Duncan's acting really impressed me. For example, Duncan is a big presence but he plays a soft-hearted man. Sometimes he cries like a child and shows his emotions and in the last scene of the movie when his innocence is proven and he did not want the death penalty to be abolished because he did not want to live in this world and wanted to die, I really felt so many emotions

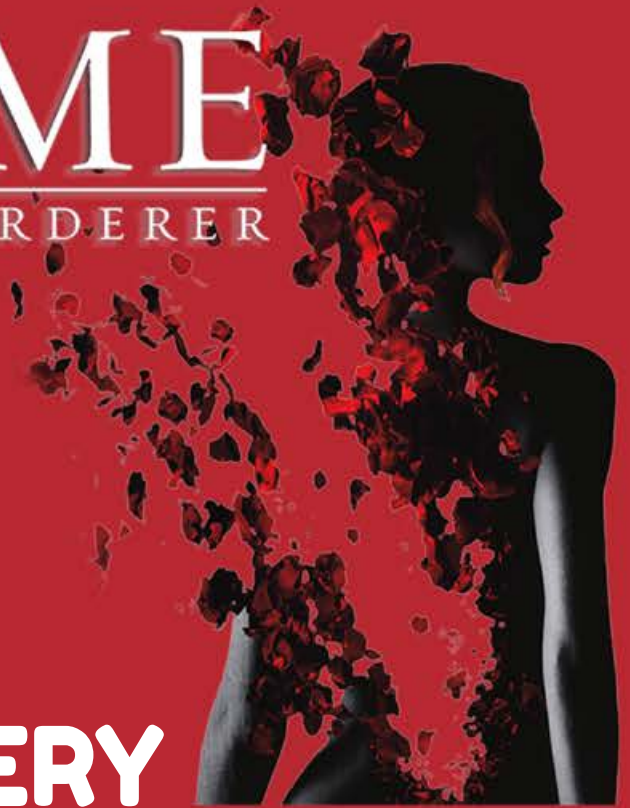


By Berfin

PERFUME

THE STORY OF A MURDERER

PERFUME IS A PUNGENT MURDER MYSTERY



Perfume, the story of a murderer, was directed by Tom Tykwer, with a screenplay written by the German writer Patrick Süskind and starred Ben Whishaw and Alan Rickman. It is a drama, fantasy, suspense and mystery film.

It's the story of a man who was born with a special talent: he can smell all the smells in the world. Eventually, he becomes the best perfumer in Paris, but only when he manages to make one special perfume with the scent of a woman.

This film is very intense and off-putting for some people, but for me it is one of my favorites, because I identified with Jean-Baptiste, the perfumer. Although he is a murderer, he still seems to be an interesting genius. Personally, I would have loved to smell the perfume of the redheaded plum seller girl, which was the only fragrance that was missing to make the most wonderful perfume in the world...

By Paloma

TITANIC

GOES DOWN EASY-EVEN AFTER 20+ YEARS

Titanic, released in 1997, was directed by James Cameron and starred Leonardo Di Caprio and Kate Winslet. This film is a love story about the tragedy of the luxury liner Titanic, which collided with an iceberg and became the worst maritime disaster of the 20th century. Personally, I like this movie because it's a sad love story and most women viewers fall in love with Jack just like Rose. When I first watched the movie I was 8 or 9 years old. Now that about 20 years have passed, I feel that it is a movie that can be enjoyed over and over again, giving us a glimpse into the lavish production costs, the class society of the time, and humanity on the brink of death.

Finally, I think the characters in Titanic are fascinating. Rose is a strong-willed woman, but at the same time, she is conflicted because she cannot break out of her current situation. For example, there are many scenes in which she strongly criticizes the reckless remarks made by her mother and her fiance, but she feels that it is difficult to break out of the constraints that her family has set for her.

By Reina





SAVING PRIVATE RYAN IS GREAT BUT DISTURBING

The main actors of Saving Private Ryan are Tom Hanks and Matt Damon and the director is Steven Spielberg. The film takes place during the Second World War where a small team of soldiers have to find an Army private named Ryan because his two brothers have died and he has to return to America from France. During the mission, all of the team members end up dying one by one before they rescue Ryan. In my opinion, I like it because I enjoy war movies and it is truly a great, disturbing film.

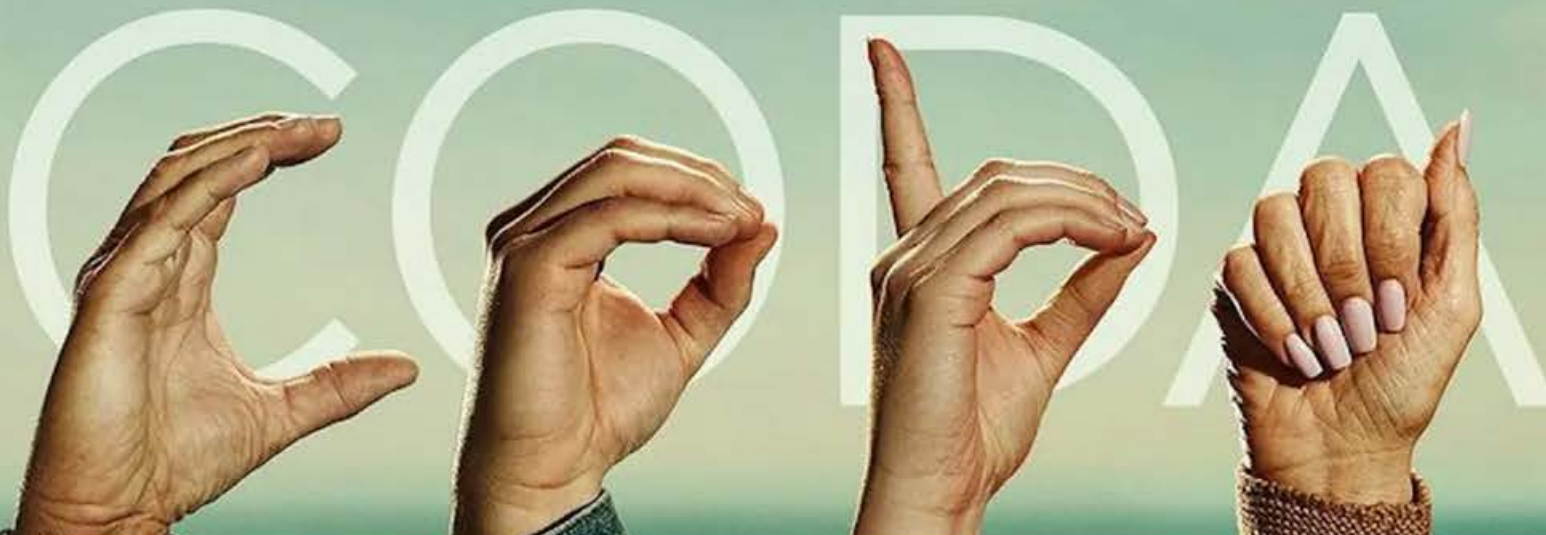
By Kaiza

CODA: AN UPLIFTING FILM ABOUT FOLLOWING YOUR DREAMS

CODA is a dramatic Academy Award-winning film directed by Sian Heder. The movie stars Emilia Jones as Ruby Rossi, alongside Marlee Matlin, Troy Kotsur, and Daniel Durant. Ruby is the only hearing member in a deaf family. She helps them by acting as their interpreter. Ultimately, Ruby must decide whether to stay and support her family or follow her passion for music. Personally, I enjoyed CODA because following your goals can lead to a successful and fulfilling life and I would recommend the film to depressed individuals.

CODA talks about family, finding yourself, and chasing your dreams. Moreover, following your dreams is the most important thing in life even if there's a conflict with your family. Furthermore, the actors who play her deaf family are fantastic and use sign language throughout the movie, adding exquisite details. The music in the movie has a choir theme but it fits perfectly with the story's themes. Ultimately, CODA is a very emotional movie that many people will connect with because it's about love, sacrifice, and a very romantic uplifting vibe will transport viewers into the lush world of Ruby.

By Ali



BERFIN FINDS CHEAP BBQ UP IN SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO



Two weeks ago, I went to Heritage Barbecue, which is a popular restaurant located in San Juan Capistrano. It is an American BBQ establishment where the prices are not expensive compared with Turkey. Actually, I would even say it is quite cheap. All their dishes are popular. I went there to eat brisket, tri-tip, and beef rib but I also tried Texas chili and smoked corn as a side.



kiff kafe

REN SAYS KIFF KAFFE IS NOT FOR RIFFRAFF!

Kiff Kafe is a French coffee shop with a secret outdoor patio located at 12229 W Pico Blvd in West LA. Last Thursday I went there and ordered a matcha latte, which was so good. Drinks cost about five dollars and dishes cost about fifteen dollars. It has a DJ event every Thursday, and you can enjoy dancing and music.

ALI FITS IN AT MISFIT

Last Friday, I went to a fancy restaurant, Misfit, which is one of the most famous restaurants in Santa Monica. It opened in 2011 on the ground floor of the iconic Clock Tower building built in 1929. Misfit's design looks like a classic Western style, so when I entered the restaurant I said, "Wow! It's wonderful." Unfortunately, the variety of food on the menu was limited but the prices of the food and drinks were reasonable. Ultimately, I ordered the smash burger and I enjoyed it. The burger meat was very soft, juicy, and grilled with cheddar cheese and crispy pickles. I drank one of the best old-fashioned cocktails I've ever had. One of the signature dishes at Misfit is the smash burger, served with red onion and crunchy, salty fries. All the ingredients are very fresh, especially the lettuce. The burger meat is moist, soft, and grilled with cheddar cheese, and the taste of burger meat is buttery and flavorful. The old-fashioned cocktail is smoky, and has balanced sweetness, using fresh cherries (not frozen) and fragrant orange peel which gives it a tropical, jungle-like feeling.



SHO GOES IN, EATS A BURGER, AND THEN GOES OUT

In-N-Out Burger is a famous burger franchise located at 922 Gayley Avenue in Los Angeles. The menu's prices are relatively low and affordable. On August 13, I visited this fast food restaurant with my roommate. The store was crowded with many people, but we didn't have to wait long and we were able to place our order smoothly. The employee interacted with us in a very polite manner even though our English is limited, so we could have a delicious burger without feeling uncomfortable.



NAGISA DISCOVERS A MAGMA BURGER IN WAKAYAMA, JAPAN



Hyakumonogatari Burger is a restaurant located at the train station in Wakayama, south of Osaka, and it is a popular hamburger restaurant for young people. It offers hamburgers, french fries, and many different kinds of drinks. The price of the food is around eight dollars. First, I visited the restaurant because there are many kinds of hamburgers. Second, this restaurant uses Kumano beef. Kumano beef is a luxury item in Japan, but we can eat a Kumano beef hamburger for just eight or ten dollars. The most popular dish is the Magma de burger, which costs roughly ten dollars, and it is different because melted cheese covers the meat like magma.



MAYLI GOES TO MCDONALD'S

McDonald's has been around since 1940 and has become the most successful fast food chain in the world. Last weekend I went to the beach, saw a McDonald's restaurant, and was tempted by it. We can't say that it's popular thanks to the quality of the food but more by the affordable prices - a real meal with a dessert and a drink can cost around fifteen dollars. All of this is possible because the restaurant is considered fast food.

REINA AND THE MAGIC STEW



La Bola is a restaurant in Madrid, Spain with traditional Spanish cuisine with prices around thirty to forty euros per person and a popular dish, cocido madrileño. I was traveling in Europe around June 2022, but it was already starting to feel like summer, and I was sweating after walking a little, and my stomach was tired from the daily travels and heavy-seasoned foods. So when I arrived in Madrid, Spain, I looked for food that was gentle on my stomach and would give me a Spanish vibe. When I thought of Spanish food, I only knew about tapas, paella, and ajillo. Then I found a restaurant called La Bola, which is famous for its traditional Madrid cuisine on the Internet, and immediately made a reservation.

When I arrived and entered the restaurant, I felt a sense of history and a sense of having wandered into the world of movies. But that thought lasted only for a moment before a waiter who greeted me with a lovely smile guided me to my seat and I ordered the cocido madrileño I had been waiting for. The dish appeared and surprised me again. I had known that cocido madrileño was a stew but instead of the stew I ordered, a ceramic jar came to me. I was surprised that they brought me the jar, but the waiter didn't care and poured only the soup with very short and small noodles onto my plate. It smelled very good and stimulated my appetite, making me forget the surprise I had just felt. The soup was a little salty and the flavor of the beef was concentrated, gently enveloping my tired stomach. When I finished the soup, I thought that the cocido madrileño dish was over, but the ingredients for the stew appeared with a new plate.

They were very simple, with beef, chickpeas, and cabbage, but they were filling, and I regretted visiting the restaurant alone. Finally, I was very satisfied with their dishes and the bill was inexpensive, which surprised me again. Actually, after drinking the cocido madrileño soup, my stomach felt better, so I ordered a glass of wine, an after-dinner drink, and a pudding for dessert. Of course, they were delicious and I felt like time passed very quickly, probably because of the wine. Although I only ordered one stew, I was able to enjoy the same dish twice as if it were a completely different dish, and I was satisfied not only in terms of my eyes, taste, and smell, but also in terms of the price and service. I hope to visit that restaurant again. I highly recommend it if you are planning to visit Madrid.

REIKO'S POKE PICK

Poke Me is a Hawaiian seafood restaurant located on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. The prices are reasonable, around twelve dollars. Yesterday, I went there because my friend recommended it and the popular toppings of tuna and salmon. Guests can choose toppings and sauces and use not only spoons but chopsticks. The dishes are so delicious that I would strongly recommend dining there.



YUKA M. FINDS CHEAP FISH IN GINZA



Sushi Harumi is a restaurant located in Ginza, Tokyo. If you want to eat sushi in Ginza, the cheapest one costs around 30,000 yen, but this restaurant costs only 16,500 yen. You can enjoy a 15-course meal. I went there for both my mother's and grandmother's birthday.

DULCE DIVES INTO SOME ITALIAN SEAFOOD

On Sunday I went to have lunch with my family and my friend's family who was visiting me, so we went to Il Fornaio, an upscale casual Italian restaurant. I will describe the dish I chose - the fish misto, which is a fish filet with scallops, shrimp, lemon olive oil sauce, broccoli, baby carrots, and roasted Yukon gold potatoes. The taste was savory and flavorful.





YUKA S.'S UNBELIEVABLE EXPERIENCE

Obanzaiya Kizuki is a small shrine in Shinbashi, Tokyo. The restaurant stands silently near the shrine and is like a secret hideaway for adults. The menu changes everyday, so guests can always eat fresh and seasonal food.

Most of the food is served on small plates and every dish is flavorful. My personal favorites were “Nikujaga” and “Tomorokoshi-no-Kakiage.” Nikujaga, which is beef and potato stew, is a Japanese home-style dish, but the beef is a little different because it’s made with skirt steak and you can’t find it in any other local restaurant. Tomorokoshi-no-Kakiage, which is fried corn, is a very simple cuisine because it’s just fried corn. However, when I ate it with salt, it was so crispy and sweet! I had one of the most unbelievable experiences in my life.