

Film Title: *Mia and the Migoo* (2008)
Length of Film in Minutes: 92 minutes
Film Genre: Animation/Family

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Mia and the Migoo is a 2008 animated children's film. The film is about a young girl's perilous journey to find her father in a seemingly beautiful and tropical paradise, which is threatened by the construction of a gigantic hotel resort. This resort directly impacts the area because it will lead to the destruction of the natural inhabitants of the original location. The introduction begins with a man named Pedro, who is a jolly and seemingly relaxed individual. He is gazing into the vast distance in hopes to find his daughter, Mia. He had lost his beloved daughter while she tried to aid in the construction of an exclusive complex in a forest. She is characterized as a brave, kind, and benevolent person who is also incredibly adventurous and determined. Although this is not an educational film, this movie does a great job at introducing serious topics and poses questions about global warming, protecting nature against greed, and the effects of development. The movie's messages about the environment are more alarming than they are positive, emphasizing how important it is to learn about global climate change. For example, there are many times where the development of the area comes in between the relationship between Mia and her father. This ultimately brings the audience to the main message, or tone of the story, which is that nothing is more important than love for your loved ones. Neither money nor power can accomplish this. Overall, the gist of the children's story which has a message for all ages is that we should take good care of our planet, which was bestowed to us, as well as keep your loved ones closer than your fingers in your pocket.

How did you find the film on Kanopy (by a title search, subject search, casual browsing)?

I found this film on Kanopy while casually browsing through the many films it offers.

Did the plot (for a fictional movie) keep you interested?

Yes, the plot of this film is unlike any other movie I have ever seen. It was interesting to see the story of Mia and her father and how the film was able to tie in such serious topics like global warming and the effects of human advancements. I was thoroughly engrossed in the plot of this movie and was left intrigued with the character development.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?

The pace of this film was just right and successfully told the story of how Mia and the Migoo overcome their obstacles of their environment and the relationship with Pedro.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?

I believe this film is great for grades seven and up because it shows childhood obstacles and how you can overcome them by continuing to go on and not give up.

5 stars: I'm really glad I watched this film; it was awesome!

I believe this film deserves 5 stars because it vividly expresses and conveys to the audience that you should stand up for yourself, and protect what you care and love for in this life. The story is incredibly interesting and the film has numerous prestigious recognition, showing that critics agree. Overall, I believe this movie does a great job at introducing tough topics while still gearing it for a younger audience and still having a great plot.