

**Film Title and Release Date:** *Boogaloo and Graham* (2014)

**Film Length:** 14 minutes

**Film Genre:** Short/Comedy-drama

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Rachel Rose., 9th Grade

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*Boogaloo and Graham* is an Oscar-nominated short film. Jamesy and Malachy, two young boys, are given baby chicks by their father. The boys name these chicks Boogaloo and Graham, and they fall in love with the animals. They set up an outdoor pen, play with the chicks, and even share their ice cream treats. When Jamesy and Malachy's mother becomes pregnant, she wishes the "filthy" chicks to be gone in preparation for the incoming baby.

The young boys are distraught with this decision and aim to keep Boogaloo and Graham at any cost. They try to run away, for example, but soon realize they are not safe on their own. When all seems lost and the boys fear they will lose their best friends forever, an unexpected event turns the dire situation around. But was it really unexpected, or was it a father's love coming to the rescue?

*Did the plot keep you interested?*

Yes, the plot kept me interested! I enjoyed the fun, light-hearted scenes of the boys spending time with their chicks. In contrast, the heart-wrenching scenes of separation between the children and chicks pull the viewer in. You will also be scared for the boys when they run away in the situation that is presented to them.

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

The pace of the film was just right. I find it remarkable that such a beautiful story can be told in such a short amount of time. Each scene is necessary and contributes to the overall storyline arch.

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

This film is appropriate for all teenagers in grades 7-12. One usage of poor language occurs, but despite this, the film is truly exceptional and can be enjoyed by teenage audiences.

*5 stars: This film created a beautiful story that I am so glad I watched.*

If you are looking for a quick watch to brighten your day, *Boogaloo and Graham* is for you!

You will smile, be hopeful, frightened, and laugh watching this short film. I especially enjoyed the "music montage" in this film when you see all of the fun the boys are having with the chicks while listening to "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?" by Lymon Frankie and Levy Morris.