

Film Title and Release Date: *The Librarian: Quest for the Spear* (2004)

Length of Film in Minutes: 106 minutes

Film Genre: Adventure/Fantasy

Reviewer's Name and Grade: Benjamin W., 9th Grade

Date Reviewed: February 3, 2021

Flynn Carsen is a nerd with 22 degrees, no friends, no working experience, and a mom who keeps trying to find him a girlfriend. When his professor cuts him from the pyramid building project, Flynn goes to find some work. He gets a letter from the Metropolitan Public Library offering him an interview to be the Librarian. After he chickens out right before his interview and has an awkward interview, he gets the job. It's then that he finds out that being the Librarian is not the same as being a librarian. The Librarian is the guardian of all the greatest treasures on Earth. These include the Holy Grail, Pandora's Box, and Excalibur. The Librarian works in the most secure location in the world and is a member of a secret society that protects the Library. Flynn decides to accept the job and goes home to celebrate. However, during the night, a group of thieves from the Serpent's Brotherhood breaks into the treasure storeroom and makes off with part of the Spear of Destiny. Flynn is tasked with finding the remaining two pieces so they don't end up in the wrong hands. The only clue he gets is that one piece is somewhere in the Amazon Rainforest. During the plane ride to Brazil, Flynn gets attacked by the same group of thieves but is rescued by Nicole, a bodyguard tasked with keeping the Librarian safe. Nicole pushes him out of the plane and they end up stranded in the Amazon. As the guy with 22 degrees, Flynn quickly solves the clues leading to the second piece of the Spear of Destiny. Unfortunately, the Serpent's Brotherhood is waiting for him and Nicole at the exit. Now as a captive, Flynn is forced to lead the way to the third and final piece of the spear. Will he be able to find a way to prevent the spear from falling into the wrong hands?

Now, I will answer some questions about the film:

How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)? - I found this film through casual browsing. It was in the Newly Added Movies section.

Did the plot keep you interested? - This plot definitely kept me interested. There was a lot of action and a couple of plot twists that kept me interested until the very end. There was an air of suspense and a lot of humor that constantly kept me waiting for the next part.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right? - I think the pace of this film was just right. There were a lot of fights and chases throughout the film but also a couple periods of rest. The film started slow but gained intensity as it went on.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for? - I think this film is appropriate for kids in grades 7-10. There is a little bit of cursing and a love scene that wouldn't make this film appropriate for younger kids. Kids older than 15 might find this film kind of cheesy so it wouldn't hold their attention very well.

Rating:

I would rate this film *4 stars*. This film was basically an Indiana Jones movie with not as good a plot and title. The film was funny and suspenseful and had a lot of action. The actors did a really good job of playing their parts and the plot was decent. The one thing I really don't like is the title because "The Quest for the Spear" just doesn't sound interesting.

Reviewer name and grade: Charles W. 8th grade

Date reviewed: March 12, 2021

The film begins with the main character (Flynn Carson), a 30-year-old with 22 degrees who still attends college. In the first scene, he is pulled aside by his professor. The professor tells Flynn to go outside in the real world, a thirty year old man cannot just go to college for his whole life. Flynn goes home and receives a letter. The letter tells Flynn, he has been chosen for a prestigious job at the Metropolitan Public Library. He becomes "The Librarian". Turns out, this means "The Librarian" guards the relics of myths and legends alike, such as Pandora's box, Excalibur, and the Arc of the Covenant. The former "Librarian" was killed by a gang called the Serpent Brotherhood. During Flynn's job at the Library, the Brotherhood breaks into a vault and steals one of the three parts of the Spear of Destiny. Flynn then must go on a quest to find the other two pieces. His boss gives him a book to help him. This book is written in the language of the birds and he learns the language. His first clue from the book takes him to the Amazon jungle. Flynn takes a flight there, little does he know, the Serpent Brotherhood has infiltrated the flight. He is almost killed, but an undercover agent of the library named Nicole, saves him. They land in the Amazon jungle with the Serpent Brotherhood hot on their heels. They travel through the jungle, to an ancient Mayan temple, where he finds the second piece to the spear. Unfortunately, he and Nicole are captured by the Brotherhood and forced to fly to the Himalayas in search of Shangri La. They find the 3rd and final piece. Nicole and Flynn escape the Brotherhood with the third piece and manage to find a hotel in Mongolia. But the Brotherhood again infiltrates and steals the third piece. The Brotherhood forces the duo to Flynn's old school (the pyramid), because it's the only place they are able to fuse the spear, and where Flynn's old teacher is actually part of the Brotherhood. In the end, there is a dramatic fight and the spear is fused together by the leader of the Brotherhood. (The former Librarian who is not dead!) The Brotherhood leader accidentally knocks the pyramid of its foundations and the capstone falls. The spear is recovered.

How did you find the film on Kanopy?

I was looking around in the Family section.

Did the plot keep you interested?

It was a little like a classic adventure movie, with a nerdy guy finding relics from a bygone era, many adventure gags, but it was good.

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

Just right.

What grade(s) level would this be appropriate for?

Grades 5th and above

Rating:

4 stars: I enjoyed this film and found it worthwhile to watch.

I like this film, but the speaking is muffled because the sound effects are too loud, this film is good with captions.