

Film Title and Release Date: *Upside Down* (2013)

Film Length in Minutes: 109 minutes

Film Genre: Science Fiction / Romance

Reviewer Name and Grade: Oliver W. Grade 8

Date Reviewed July 20, 2020

Adam Kirk lives in a two-planet system with dual gravity. This means that the two planets have their gravity in opposite directions. There are three rules to how this system of gravity works: All matter is pulled by the gravity of the world that it comes from, no matter where it is; an object's weight can be offset using matter from the opposite world, called inverse matter; and after a few hours of contact, matter in contact with inverse matter burns. The upper planet, called Up Top, is very rich, while the lower planet, called Down Below, is very poor. People from Down Below aren't allowed to go Up Top. The headquarters of the company TransWorld is the only connection between the two worlds. When Adam, who lives on the lower planet, climbs onto a forbidden mountain and sees a girl from Up Top, they fall in love. The girl's name is Eden, but they get caught together and are separated. 10 years later, Adam sees Eden in a commercial for TransWorld, and he applies for a job there, hoping to see her again. Adam meets a man named Bob, who is from Up Top. He attaches material from Up Top to himself so he is able to go to the Up Top section, disguised as Bob. However, Eden has had amnesia and doesn't remember him. When Eden finds out that Adam is from Down Below, she remembers who he is, but they are caught and separated once again. With some help from Bob, Adam is able to get back into Up Top and discovers that Eden is pregnant with twins. These twins go on to change history, as they have parents from both worlds, and both worlds become prosperous. This film takes place in the far future because humans have colonized many worlds when it takes place.

How did you find the film on Kanopy? - I found this film on Kanopy by casually browsing through the "Newly Added Movies" section on the website.

Did the plot keep you interested? - The film had an ok plot. Many things were rushed through and I thought the plot was too predictable. All the problems were just solved too quickly. The whole dual gravity concept is really cool but the plot itself was nothing special.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right? - The pace of the film was ok in some places but too fast in others. I thought that all the problems were worked out too quickly. At the end of the film, it went from one second revealing that Eden was pregnant and then the next showing the changed world with absolutely no explanation about what happened.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for? - There is some shooting in this film and there is one middle finger gesture. The movie was sometimes hard to follow because the dual gravity thing could get confusing. I think this movie would be appropriate for people in grades 7 and up.

I would rate this movie *3 stars*. The visuals were good but could get confusing because they were taken at different angles. The whole dual gravity idea was really cool and the acting was ok but so many things didn't make sense. For example, Adam could eat food from Up Top and not burn up and there were people dancing on the ceiling in a cafe in Up Top, even though people from Down Below aren't allowed to go to Up Top. The ending was too rushed and the watcher was left wondering what happened to TransWorld and so many other things. Everything just somehow worked out for the main characters and there isn't much to take away from this film.

Reviewer Name and Grade: Maya L., 8th grade

Date Reviewed: March 15, 2021

The film *Upside Down* is about a system of dual planets that are in each other's gravitational field, matter going from one side to the foreign one would burn up and people can't enter the other without floating out of it in the direction of their respective gravitational forces. The main character Adam Kirk falls in love with a girl named Eden Moore at a young age. However people from the different sides are not supposed to talk to each other, However Adam's want to be with Eden is even more complex as after they were found talking to each other, her rope snapped causing her to develop amnesia which meant that she wouldn't remember him at all. After this he actually had thought she had died but saw her in an advertisement for Transworld(a big corporation),He got a job at Transworld which both people from the opposing planets worked at, Adam works there developing a anti aging cream using his aunts recipe for a pink concoction that allows things to lift, including skin after age. In the beginning of working there he meets a man named Bob Burochowitz who after being fired helps him meet Eden again by giving him his identification and developing weights, however he can only go up for an hour at a time because the weights would burn him, however later on Bob fixes this issue. Then once they are finally reunited she of course doesn't remember him and thinks his name is Bob but she eventually invites him out to eat at the Cafe Dos Mundos. Eventually his identity is revealed to her, making her remember the past, but they are chased down and once again separated. However after Bob makes new discoveries in the balancing gravity implements between the two planets in the pink concoction. This allows Bob to get them to meet again, and since Eden was pregnant with twins the gravity didn't affect her and she could stay with him overall a very satisfying ending.

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

I found the film by browsing the science fiction category because that is my favorite genre and I thought it sounded interesting.

Did the plot keep you interested?

The plot was very interesting for instance I thought the idea of the physics between the two worlds was very fascinating.

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

The pace of the film was good as it wasn't too slow to make me bored, and it wasn't too fast to the point where I couldn't understand. I also found that the Romance wasn't too rushed as it sometimes is in movies.

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

This film would be appropriate for anyone of grade(s) 6 and up as any younger it could be too confusing.

Rating: 5 stars: I'm really glad I watched this film. It was awesome!

I would rate this film a 5, I liked it because I like movies with big corporations that have too much power and the characters need to defy them. I also liked how it had very Romeo and Juliet-esque type concepts such as the fact that they weren't supposed to be together as it was against the rules. Another thing about this film was that it was very visually appealing and filmed in a unique way. Overall I would definitely recommend this film to everyone.