

Film Title and Release Date: *Arrows of Fire* (2013)

Length of Film in Minutes: 77 Minutes

Film Genre: Documentary

Reviewer Name and Grade: James B., 8th Grade

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A father, his adult son and 2 friends (Josh Evans, Paul Evans, Duncan Menge, Ben Rollison), go on a motorcycle in the Australian Outback. However, what confronts them is something they could never prepare for, coming face-to-face with their own humanity when Josh crashes in the remote Australian Outback and needs to be rescued by the Flying Doctors. As Josh undergoes emergency surgery to save his leg, him being gone sparks a chain of events that plays out beyond the completion of the ride, as friendships begin to break with Ben when he shows a lack of care towards the crash incident, and he argues with Duncan as Paul leaves to join his son in hospital. Duncan and Ben keep riding to the planned destination but the damage is done and ultimately Ben stops riding motorbikes. The journey also brings Paul face-to-face with his greatest fear, and a recurring dream becomes a reality as he cradles his son's head in his lap after the crash. Fortunately, Paul's life and that of his son are changed for the better but the scars of the crash are felt by all involved for many years to come. The 2 may never fully recover from the pain and memories of the crash.

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

I found this film in my suggested films when casually browsing Kanopy. I had also heard good things about the film from family and decided to finally watch it.

Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested? Yes, I felt I was actively engaged in the story and always waiting to see what would happen next.

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

I felt the pace of the film was pretty good. I felt in certain parts it went a little fast, but for the most of the film I felt it was just right.

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

I think this film is appropriate for grade 6 and up.

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

I really enjoyed this film and felt that it was very inspiring. I loved how we got to see the evolution of the friendship through the crash and were able to see how the different characters reacted to the tragedy. I also loved how we saw whether or not Paul and his son would ever fully recover from the scars of the crash, I highly recommend this film.