

**Film Title and Release Date:** *Albion: The Enchanted Stallion* (2016)

**Film Length in Minutes:** 106 Minutes

**Film Genre:** Fantasy

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Naysa T., 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Date Reviewed:** January 17 2021

The film starts in Vermont a couple days before Christmas. The main character is a 12-year-old girl named Evelyn Flynn, Evie, who's father is in a wheelchair. Evie loves horses and has a dream about a beautiful black stallion. Her father tells her that those are called kelpies, and kelpies take children into a lake and they disappear forever. Evie has a job at a stable and cares for all the horses. On Christmas Day Evie goes out to discard the horse poop and sees a black horse in the snow. She goes out to it and gets on its back. The horse runs into the forest behind the stable and Evie falls off. When she opens her eyes, all the snow is gone, and she is in a beautiful green forest. She wanders into a cave and art on the wall moves. Then a man walks in the cave. He tells her she is in the world of Albion. The man tells Evie that she is in Albion, about the peaceful Danaan people, and how the Milesaians fought with them to steal their scepter of truth, book of healing, cauldron of plenty, and the flame of knowledge. The Milesaians are evil and ruthless people and the queen of the Danaan sought The Abbess, a magical being. She created a treaty dividing Albion in half. The Milesaians sneakily said they would have the upper half of Albion forcing the Danaan underground. Evie then becomes unconscious and wakes up with the scepter of truth in her face. A young woman with red hair is pointing it at her. She wonders if Evie is a Milesaian spy, but when she realizes Evie is not, she invites her on a quest. The young woman's name is Eriu, and she is foraging for food for the Danaan. The Danaan can only gather food on the land once a month, and food is becoming more scarce. While on their quest, Eriu and Evie run into a young man named Lir. Lir and Eriu seem to know each other, but don't like each other. Lir's family are the protectors of the scepter of truth. Lir goes with the girls to find the Abbess and maybe reverse the treaty. On their journey they run into Danaan foragers. They are turning into earth because they had been out of the ground for too long, but they should not have turned yet. Something is wrong, and Eriu wants to fix all of it. Eriu says that the Milesaians are killing the foragers to starve the Danaan people. The trio finally get to the Abbesses' home and find that it is chaotic. There are 4 women, who are all identical, running around and acting crazy in their own ways. Evie sings and the 4 own float into a light and become one, the Abbess. The Abbess says they can only reverse the treaty if the Milesaians and Danaan people both agree. The trio go to a cave where Evie meets the Danaan queen. The queen tells Evie that her father is a Milesaian and that she is her mother. Once the trio gather all of the four items they go to the Milesaian king. Evie tells the King that she is from both bloodlines and she ends the treaty. Then Evie goes back to Vermont through a lake on the back of the Black Kelpie.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy?*

I found this film on Kanopy while casually browsing.

*Did the plot keep you interested?*

The plot of this film kept me interested because it was like a treasure hunt to follow the characters through Albion.

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

The pace of this film was just right, and everything was explained well.

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

This film is appropriate for all grade levels.

*I give this film 3 stars. It was okay, but I had hoped for better.*

I give this film 3 stars because I found it to be weird. The Milesaian king was very gross to look at, and some things made little sense. I found it bizarre that the horse used to be human, and I did not understand some characters.

**Reviewer Name & Grade: Delaney H., 9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Date Reviewed: June 7, 2021**

A 12-year-old girl named Evie is walking in the snow when she meets a horse that takes her to a world she never knew even existed, it is called Albion. She finds out that the people of ALbion are in trouble and they need her help to save their world. In her adventures to help the people of Albion she finds two kingdoms that don't like one another, and keep fighting. It is towards the end that Evie finds out both her parents were from those kingdoms, but since they were from different kingdoms, and they were the children of the rulers, they had to run away to be together, and raise their child, Evie. But, Evie's dad was the one who raised her since she was told her mother had passed, when really her mother had to stay in Albion to rule her kingdom. The setting of this film starts in Vermont, but changes to Albion when the horse brings Evie to Albion. The time period of this film is most likely the year it filmed, which was 2016. A few of the main events in the film include; Evie meeting the horse, Evie meeting her mother, Evie meeting her father's father, and Evie finding out the truth about her parents. The main character of this film is Evie. Evie's personality could be described as outgoing, brave, bold, and curious.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy?*

I found Albion: The Enchanted Stallion on Kanopy by casual browsing.

*Did the plot keep you interested?*

Yes, I thought this film was very well laid out and kept me intrigued and wondering what would happen next.

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

The pace of the film is just right, moving the story along without dragging the plot out or rushing the plot.

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

Based on my opinion of the film and the rating of the movie, I would suggest that this film is appropriate for grade levels 5 and up.

*Rating:*

After watching the film Albion: The Enchanted Stallion, I have decided to rate it 4 stars because in my opinion it was a very good and very detailed film. I thought the plot of the film kept me entertained. For example, a part of the plot I enjoyed was when it was revealed that her mother and father were previously from the World of Albion.