

Film Title and Release Date: *Float Like a Butterfly* (2018)

Length of Film in Minutes: 102 minutes

Film Genre: Drama

Reviewer Name and Grade: Chris C., 10th Grade

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Float Like a Butterfly is a movie about 15 year old Francis, a poor girl who lives with her gypsy family in the Irish countryside. She dreams of becoming a boxer, like her idol Muhammed Ali, however, because she is a girl is told she cannot. She is expected to do girl things, like get married and have a family. Her family and society in general try to break her spirit, but she refuses to listen to them, despite what they say. They don't believe she can fight like a boxer, until one day when her father, who has been jailed for defending his family, is then released and hounded by corrupt police for no reason. If he fights back, then he would be arrested again, so he tells his weakling son to fight for him. The son is not fighter and is getting beaten badly until Francis runs in and saves the day. No one, including Francis' father, believes she can beat the opponent, but Francis does. She fights hard and proves to everyone that she is a true champion. Even though this is not what her father wanted her to do, in the end, you can see his pride for her that she will not be beaten by society like society has beaten him.

How did you find the film on Kanopy?

I found it through casual browsing.

Did the plot keep you interested?

Yes, it did keep me interested because I wanted to see if she would become a fighter even though she had so many obstacles against her.

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

I felt it dragged a bit and could have been told at a faster pace.

What grade level is this film appropriate for?

This film is appropriate for grades 7-10

I rate this film 4 stars.

I enjoyed it and found it worthwhile to watch because it had a positive and uplifting message that if you want something bad enough and work hard at it, your dream will come true despite any obstacles.