

Film Title and Release Date: *Summer of 84* (2018)

Length of Film in Minutes: 105 minutes

Genre: Drama

Reviewer Name and Grade: Diya K., 8th Grade

Date Reviewed: March 5, 2022

This film was a horror/thriller genre, about a 15 year old boy named Davey Armstrong who was a big conspiracy theorist who thinks his neighbor, who is a police officer, (Officer Mackey), is a serial killer. A total of thirteen teenage boys were missing, and the movie was all about Davey trying to investigate his neighbor and the mystery of the disappearances of the boys. The story is fictional, but some parts are based on a true story. The story takes place in 1984, (which is in the eighties), in Oregon, and it is just basically about Davey, (as stated before). Davey has about 3-4 friends in the movie. His personality is analytical, (since he is a theorist and detective of the story), and is curious for the same reasons. At the climax, Mackey kidnaps Woody and Davey and murders his friend and lets Davey go so he can be paranoid and grieving over the death of his friend. Nobody really suspected Mackey before as a serial killer because he is a police officer in the movie, and police officers are supposed to stop crime, not cause crime so people never really suspected him. At the end, Davey is just riding his bike in the neighborhood.

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

I found this movie by just browsing and I really found the thumbnail interesting.

Did the plot keep you interested?

The plot really was entertaining, and kept me interested. For example, some of the conversations between Davey and his friends, and the mystery of the missing children was interesting and kept me watching.

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

The pace was also just right.

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

I think this movie is just right for people who like horror and thriller movies, grades 7 and up!

Rating:

I rate this movie four stars because of the character development in the movie. I also really liked the theme of the movie, it perfectly fit the 80's theme and also the auras.