

Film Title and Release Date: *Hive* (2020)

Length of Film in Minutes: 84 minutes

Film Genre: Fictional Movie

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Hive is a fictional movie based on a true story taking place in Kosovo, about a widow named Fahrije. Her husband disappeared during the war in Kosovo, when the serbian army slaughtered hundreds of men, but Fahrije's husband was never found. The movie starts by showing that she is selling honey, but she is struggling with money. Fahrije is in a group of widows that help each other, and they will use the money they have to give driving lessons to the widows who want them. Fahrije wants to be able to drive, because she would be able to transport her honey to the nearby city. However, nobody else wants to get a driver's license, because they think that they will be mocked by the townspeople. She starts making ajvar made from red peppers, recruiting other widows to help her, but is met by constant hate from the men and women in the town. She sells it in the city and starts making money. Eventually, Fahrije's step dad goes to take a test to see if his DNA matches with any of the dead bodies they have found. Sadly, the husband is found dead, but it takes a great weight off of Fahrije's shoulders, because she will be free from wondering if her husband is alive.

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

I found this film on Kanopy when my family was looking for a movie to watch, and my mom's friend recommended this. We watched the trailer, and it included both sadness and determination, and it had many good reviews..

Did the plot keep you interested?

Yes, the plot of the movie was engaging, because you got to see the inside life of a poor suburban town in Kosovo. This with the emotional moments make you sad and you become sympathetic towards the characters..

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

The pace of this movie was a little too slow, because at certain points in the movie nothing much happened, and the character development happened too slowly. This is understandable however because they

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

This movie is appropriate for grades 9 and up, because it contained violence and much discrimination.

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

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