

**Film Title and Release Date:** *Hot Summer Nights* (2017)

**Film Length in Minutes:** 107 Minutes

**Film Genre:** Drama, Romance

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Laney S., 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Date Reviewed:** April 7, 2022

This film is half fiction and half real, it has characters and events that really happened but most was fiction. It is set in June of 1991 and is briefly about a nerdy kid named Daniel who had to deal with the death of his dad. His life was changed after his death. His mother sent him to stay with his aunt for the summer on cape cod. In doing so he meets the classic high school dropout Hunter. Hunter is your typical pretty boy who gets all the girls but he has a side thing which is selling weed for a living. He is doing so because his mother died and he had nowhere to go because his father kicked him out. Daniel and Hunter partner up and sell weed together. One night Daniel meets a girl named McKayla who he falls head over heels for but he later finds out it is Hunter's little sister. Hunter and McKayle are no longer close because of his drug dealing. Hunter warns Daniel to not be with his sister but Daniel can control himself so they see each other in private. Hunter and Daniel end up getting into some dirty work with a top notch seller and are warned to not screw up or he'll kill them. As all movies go it doesn't end well.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy?*

I found this movie in the casual browsing section, it caught my eye because the main role is played by Timothee Chalamet and I love him as an actor.

*Did the plot or presentation of information keep you interested?*

The plot in the movie had me hooked right from the start and as it went on I needed to know what happened next.

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

The pace of the movie was great. It had some flashbacks scenes and foreshadowing scenes, it created a good sense of suspense.

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

I'd say the grade level would be good for 9th grade and older, any younger it may be too inappropriate.

**Rating:**

I would rate this movie a 5 stars because it was the type of movie I watch. It was greatly executed and really gets the person watching hooked and wanting more. I felt the actor/actresses portrayed the character perfectly. Overall a great movie and I would definitely watch it again and recommend it to others.