

Film Title and Release Date: *Kit Kittredge: An American Girl* (2008)

Length of Film: 101 Minutes

Film Genre: Comedy/Drama

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“Kit Kittredge: An American Girl” takes place in the 1930’s during the Great Depression. This movie is based off of a series of books written by Valerie Tripp. Kit is a young girl from Cincinnati, Ohio. Kit’s father, Jack, was a World War 1 veteran and he now owns a car dealership. Her father’s business was prospering, but was forced to close due to the Great Depression. Jack used up all of his savings to pay the employees which sent the Kittredges into poverty. Kit is a tomboy who is more interested in baseball than dresses. She dreams of one day being a reporter. Kit hates change and dislikes having to depend on charities. Some of Kit’s traits include stubbornness and fussiness. Kit has a very strong sense of pride and is easily embarrassed and irritated, she is also very close with her father. When a crime spree hits Cincinnati Kit is determined to find who the real thief is. Although all evidence points to her friend Will who is part of the Hobo community. Kit believes that he and the whole hobo community is innocent. Kit solves who the real thief is, Mr. Berk. Mr. Berk is one of the boarders who is staying at Kit’s house. Mr. Berk accuses Will of stealing, but Kit remembers that the robber had a tattoo, the same tattoo as Mr. Berk’s cousin. Kit investigates Mr. Berk’s trunk and finds many stolen goods. Kit and her friends, with the help of the Hobos gang up on the criminals, Mr. Berk, his cousin and another boarder Mrs. Bond. they are turned into the police. Kit writes a story about this adventure and her dreams come true when it is printed in the newspaper.

“How did you find this film on Kanopy?”

I found this film on Kanopy by browsing in the Family Movies section.

“Did the plot keep you interested?”

The plot of this movie did keep me interested and hooked on what would happen next in the mystery the whole time.

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

I think the pace of the film was just right. It did not rush into the mystery right away, but it did not have too long of a backstory or build up.

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

I think this movie is appropriate for pretty much all grade levels. Although there were some heavy and disheartening scenes about the struggles of her family. Including the scene where she sees her father at the soup kitchen.

I give this film a rating of 4 stars. The reason for this being that I believe that it is a great way for young kids to learn about history in a unique way. I enjoyed that it showed the struggles of the 1930’s from a children’s point of view, while also adding comedy and adventure. I would watch this film again and I would also recommend it to any of my friends and family.