SCHINDLER'S LIST

A film directed by Steven Spielberg, it was premiered on November 30 of 1993 in Washington D. C. It is based on the novel Schindler's Ark by Thomas Keneally that deals about the reality of the World war II. It stars Liam Neeson as Schindler, Ralph Fiennes as SS officer Amon Göth, and Ben Kingsley as Schindler's Jewish accountant Itzhak Stern. The film won seven Academy Awards, three Golden Globe Awards and seven BAFTAs.

This is the story of a man who changed his mind and saved over 1000 Jews. During the Second World War, Oskar Schindler, an ambitious, confident, wealthy businessman, arrived in Kraków to earn the trust of the Nazis to benefit his business. Thanks to his relations with Nazis, Schindler gets ownership of a factory. Itzhak Stern, who was Schindler's Jewish accountant. Stern helped him employing hundreds of Jews from the Ghetto as they were the cheapest labour force. Schindler only wanted to improve the productivity of the factory without taking care about the workers. Schindler begins to realise after the Ghetto liquidation, that the Jews he employed were saved from dying in the Plaszow concentration camp, led by the cruel Nazi Commander Amon Goeth. Then his mind changed, and he started caring about them and he did whatever he needed to save all the Jews he could.

Schindler's list is a black and white film which captivated us. The director chose to produce the film in black and white to take us into the atmosphere and to feel it closer. The film soundtrack is balanced with the story to make us feel it more intensive. It has an incredible setting, because even it they weren't real, we can have an idea about how those places were and where all those people stayed, hid, died and lived and the conditions under which they were caught up there.

This heart-breaking film is a must-see to know how humans like us were treated like animals only for their religion or thoughts and to see that power sometimes entails cruelty and inhumanity. This film is a worthwhile watch because you learn a lot of things about the second world war and how it all developed and finished. Schindler's list made me feel sad and anguish, specialy in the scenes when the Nazi Commander Amon Goeth kills people only for pleasure. The movie has made me wonder what would have become of me if I had been a Jew in World War II. I highly recommend this film to those who like war or history films and, in general, to everyone.

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