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## Free Solo Movie Review

*Documentary Tells an Amazing Story of a Daring Climber*

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Alex Honnold is a 33 year old rock climber, but not just any rock climber. Alex is a free soloist, which means he climbs without any ropes or harnesses. Recently, a documentary was filmed about him and what he does. The documentary was titled "Free Solo" and it filmed preparation for a historic climb and eventually the climb itself.

Throughout the film, Alex constantly reminds the audience of his goal: to free solo El Capitan, or El Cap. Alex has climbed without ropes for many years and he always kept his eye on El Cap, which in his opinion, is the most amazing wall in the world. El Cap lies in Yosemite National Park and is roughly 7,670 feet tall. El Capitan has never been free soloed before, so Alex looks to set a record and explore new terrain.

As Honnold's practice and preparations are filmed, the producers feature interviews from famous climbers and people that are close to Alex, such as his girlfriend. These interviews are great as they form perspectives of how difficult and impressive it would be to climb El Cap without any ropes. The featured friends and family of Alex are constantly

nervous, which is understandable as Alex's task is incredibly dangerous. Alex may seem crazy for doing what he does, but the interviews establish that Alex is not crazy, he just is good at what he does.

One of the things that makes this documentary stand out is the photography. Yosemite is one of the most beautiful places on earth, and that is captured very well in this film. There are many shots of El Cap. These shots show just how big this cliff and how difficult the climb is. Alex is often holding on to a wall with just two fingers, but despite the overwhelming consequences of a mistake, Alex stays calm and composed. For a while, Alex climbs with ropes to help get a feel for the cliff, but once he takes the safety precautions away, anxiety and distress hit the viewers hard. Alex is also interviewed and he expresses nerves which prove that he is just a normal guy with a unique passion.

Documentaries are not always the most exciting thing to watch, but Free Solo is something else. There seems to be a storyline and there are specific characters the audience gets to know. So do not shy away from watching because it is a documentary, because I assure you, it is worth the watch.

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## MORE MOVIES

### *Five Feet Apart*

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On Saturday March 23rd, I went to go see the new film, *Five Feet Apart*. The movie isn't based off of a true story but is about a seventeen-year old named Stella who spends most of her life in the hospital fighting cystic fibrosis (or CF). To keep her on her feet, Stella uses her Youtube channel as a distraction and a way to provide knowledge to people who don't know what CF is. She takes part of a trial to try and cure the illness when she suddenly meets an attractive boy named Will, staying in the hospital for the same reason. Stella has control issues and when she finds out that Will isn't doing his medications, she insists on helping him. They spend most of their time far apart as they are not allowed to get closer than six feet.

Stella instantly falls for Will through throughout the journey. They have an off and on sort of relationship but after Stella realizes that life is worth taking risks and makes a video explaining how she thinks that the sixth foot is worth taking back. She gets a pole to measure the five feet apart and she uses it to essentially "hold hands" with Will.

After taking the sixth foot, Stella immediately starts to take more risks.

Throughout the whole movie I am not going to lie, I was balling. The movie had such intense and such sad parts that I could barely keep myself together. Other than that, the movie was great. I loved the whole plot and both the main characters. Both actors were played really well and had a lot of time put into the character. Will was played by Cole Sprouse, and Stella was played by Haley Lu Richardson. The only part that was sort of a turn off was how slow the beginning was because it never really started until the middle when action started to rise.

Overall, the movie was amazing and I highly recommend seeing it in theater soon.



## The Best Disney Movies

### *What I Miss Watching*

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If you grew up watching the Disney channel, there were a few unforgettable movies that you could rewatch over and over again. The iconic characters, funny scenes, and exciting plot made the movies so fun to watch. Some of my favorites were Princess Protection Program, Camp Rock, and High School Musical.

**Princess Protection Program-** This movie stars Demi Lovato who plays Princess Rosalinda, and Selena Gomez who acts as the character Carter Mason. In the movie, Rosie's father's job is to rescue princesses who are in danger throughout the world. He saves Rosalinda, and brings her back to Wisconsin to live with him and his daughter, Rosie. At first the two can't get along because Rosalinda is used to living in royalty, while Rosie is used to being a teenager in reality. The two attend high school together, which creates several hilarious and interesting scenes in the film. Lovato and Gomez even sang a song together in the movie called "One and The Same" which is exciting to see ten years after the original premiere now that the two have become successful singers.

**Camp Rock-** This film also starred Demi Lovato, as well as the Jonas brothers. With the four of them together in one movie, the songs that were included were so fun to watch and sing along to. In the movie, dozens of musicians come to the camp to train for their performance at Final Jam on the last night of camp. Lovato's character, Mitchie, only gets into the camp by working in the kitchen. Eventually, her talent is discovered and she meets new friends and learns new skills leading up to Final Jam. The movie is filled with so many songs and dances which makes it interesting every single time you watch it.

**High School Musical-** I'm pretty sure almost everyone has heard of High School Musical at this point. Although I will never be able to decide if the first, second, or third movie is my favorite; I can say they are all worth watching. The film follows Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez's love story as well as their high school experiences. Troy loves basketball, and Gabriella loves competing in academic competitions, but together they take the stage in their spring musical. Their relationship is so sweet to watch, and the songs and dances throughout make this series one of my favorites.

