

A Movie Review on *The Great Gatsby* (2013)

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The film *The Great Gatsby* (2013) tells a story going like this: Gatsby, a boy born in a poor family, had never accepted his farmer parents, so he left home when he was young and became a sailor. At about 20, Gatsby was an officer in an army school. Once he met a girl named Daisy and he fell in love with her at the first sight. Suddenly Daisy became the embodiment of the American dream. But Gatsby was still poor at that time, so he tried hard to become a millionaire and finally he made it five years later by selling wine illegally. Nick is Daisy's relative and Gatsby met Daisy again with Nick's help.

It seemed that everything was going to be happy and Gatsby and Daisy will live a happy life. However, at the time they met secondly, Daisy was Tom's wife, and Daisy was a practical girl who loved money and enjoying life only. She said Gatsby was fun and cool. She said she liked him, but she never loved him, so there wouldn't be a happy ending. At last, the distance between Gatsby and Daisy became longer and longer. Daisy didn't even attend Gatsby's burial.

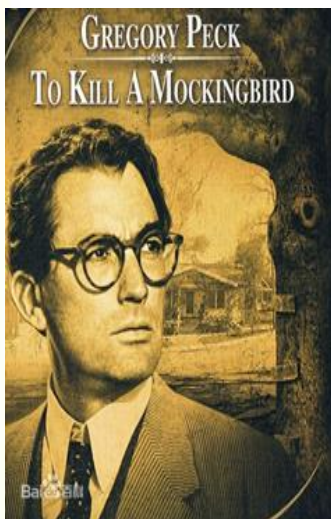
I find the story pathetic and felt pity for Gatsby, not only for Gatsby, but for everyone in the world. The American dream says that we try hard and work industriously, the dream will come true somehow. But the truth is always opposite to our dreams. It seems a little foolish when Gatsby fell into the swimming pool with a smile without realizing the fact that he was actually betrayed and deserted by Daisy, the embodiment of his grand American dream. We need to lie to ourselves so we can live on. People run closer and closer to the green light one after another, discovering the green light was "the orgastic future that year by year recedes before us".

Gatsby was defeated by ruthless realities, but he just wouldn't give up. He beats on, "...boats against the current", maybe that's why he is great.

A Movie Review on *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962)

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To Kill a Mockingbird is a very successful film that can attract the audience a lot. The color of this film is only black and white, but the stories are colorful and meaningful. The main characters are Jem, Scout and their father Atticus. Atticus is a kind-hearted and just lawyer. In the trial, he showed his intelligence and his sympathy for Tom—the black man that was suspected to be the one who committed the crime. He used words cleverly and clarified why Tom was not guilty. Atticus is an extremely good character in the film, for he is not only good at his work, but also is a good father. When his daughter, Scout, beat her classmate at school, he educated her a lot and made her a good girl.

Scout also has a good character. She's naughty, but she is a very clever and sympathetic girl, indeed. She persuaded the people who/that wanted to hurt Tom to go back home without doing any harm to Tom. And she made Boo—one of the “mocking birds” in the film go out of his cage and not to be hurt anymore.

The film was terrific, for it not only told exciting and interesting stories, but also has lots of thoughts in it. The main idea of the film is that there are so many people like mocking birds which are innocent but have been hurt so deeply. Scout and Atticus are the people who care about them and try to give them some help.

This film will always remain in my mind.



Camouflage and Desire in *Macbeth* (2015)



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Camouflage

What the movie *Macbeth* (2015) impresses me most is the idea of "camouflage". Generally speaking, after a murder, murderers tend to hide their dirty deeds under masks or with false smiles, as is the case of Macbeth in the movie. Hence we see how he slaughter Duncan's body guards so as to make them keep the secret forever and how the prince Malcom is framed as a murderer. These are simply concrete forms of Macbeth using camouflage.

Desire

Macbeth had a strong desire for power, which was aroused by the predictions made by three mysterious sorceresses and further prompted by Lady Macbeth. Eventually, he succumbed to his desire and became a blood-thirsty murderer.

I think it's quite normal that people have desires of various sorts. And how to keep desires from getting in control requires personal efforts. One possible solution is that we always keep a clear mind and don't let dark sides occupy our pure heart.