



La La Land written and directed by Damien Chazelle
Reviewed by Shreshta



La La Land is not part of a series of movies.

Give a summary without spoilers!

La La Land is a vibrant musical following two ambitious artists, an aspiring actress and a passionate jazz musician, as they navigate the ups and downs of pursuing their dreams in Los Angeles. They meet, fall in love, and encourage each other to chase their ambitions. Along the way they face many personal and professional obstacles that test their relationship and their commitment to their dreams.

What drew you to this movie?

I was drawn to this movie because of its stunning visuals, memorable music, and star-studded cast. The movie is vibrant and colorful throughout, with several impressive one take scenes, making it an entertaining watch. The soundtrack of the movie is very enjoyable, and the musical scenes in the movie don't seem too over the top (coming from a musical hater). *La La Land*'s cast includes the likes of Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, John Legend, JK Simmons, and more, all of whom I liked before I watched the movie, and whom I liked even more after watching.

Did it remind you of something that you've previously watched or read?

With its vibrant colors and large musical sequences, *La La Land* is a tribute to classic Hollywood musicals such as *Singin' in the Rain* and *West Side Story*. It also reminds me of a more modern movie, *A Star Is Born*, where ambition and love collide, leading to bittersweet endings.

To whom would you recommend this movie?

I'd recommend it to people who enjoy musicals, romance, and stories about following dreams. It's great for fans of emotional movies with a classic Hollywood feel. I would recommend the film to anyone who appreciates realism in movies because it doesn't shy away from showing the tough choices people have to make in life. It's not about idealistic romance, but grounded in the challenges of real life.

Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?

Overall, I loved the film and would recommend it to others. I think *La La Land* is a beautifully made film with great music and an emotional story. It balances romance and ambition in a way that feels real and relatable. As someone who doesn't care much for the "Love conquers all" trope, it was nice to see a movie with a relationship that doesn't

glorify and idealize romance. The ending of the movie was one of the best endings I've seen, which caused the audience to leave with very bittersweet emotions. The last twenty minutes of the film are an emotional rollercoaster that solidified this film as one of the best I've ever seen. I would recommend this movie to others, especially if they enjoy musicals or films that mix heartfelt moments with bittersweet reality.

Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?

One more thing is that the cinematography of this film really stands out. The colors and shots create an atmosphere that allows you to feel exactly that the characters are feeling at the moment. I found this movie at the Mansfield Public Library.