

Knight and Day/Day & Night

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A Review by Andrew Hollywood Henry

Ah – the summer action movie. A time for filmmakers to ask “How many crazy stunts and one-liners can we jam into 2 hours?” Knight and Day attempts to up the ante, and sadly there is nothing new about it.

The film follows Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz as they pretty much go from action sequence to action sequence. Tom is (or is not) a spy being hunted by some generic people for some generic reason. The action is inventive a few times, but overall it falls flat.

I like Tom Cruise. I think Jerry Maguire is great – A Few Good Men is amazing, and watching the Mission Impossible films is always fun. But he is an actor who is the same in every movie. How long can he keep up the “Hey – I’m smiling and I got everything covered,” persona? It would be more interesting to see him in a slightly more vulnerable role, rather than always having to be on top of everything.

As I was writing this review, I thought the title sounded familiar. And then it hit me. The Pixar animated short shown before Toy Story 3 is actually titled Day & Night. It is about 2 personifications of day and night – complete opposites and yet they discover how similar they are. And guess what? The 6 minute short, “Day & Night” was more inventive, entertaining and thoughtful than the almost 2 hours of “Knight and Day.”

Tom “Sundance” Sims adds: Sorry, “Knight and Day” isn’t even on my list to see. I would urge everyone to just go and see “Toy Story 3” again. Worth two trips! And I am also going to urge everyone to join us this Friday night, July 2, 7:00 p.m. for a free screening of our summer film camp movies! It’s going to be a great night of films (and you can meet the Young Filmmakers who made them!).

This year, our theme is “A Sense of Place” where participants will choose among some of Cape May’s favorite spots to visit. We also will plan stretch our Young Filmmaker’s concept of how to make a film with some other conditions never used before. The result will be a fantastic offering of innovative and fun films to watch. It’s always interesting to start the week with absolutely no idea of what kind of film will be created by Friday night. See some of the best film camp offerings at our YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/user/capemayfilm.