
“The Legend” Movie Review

This movie was going to be originally directed by Steven Spielberg but was later on passed to Clint Eastwood. It was the comeback of Clint to the Hollywood after his last movie ‘Trouble with the Curve’ in 2012.

American Sniper is based on the autobiography of Chris Kyle named “The Legend”. It tells the real-life story of Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle. The character of Kyle is played by Bradley Cooper and Sienna Miller plays the role of his wife Kaya Kyle.

I didn't know about who Chris was, what had he done in his life and what made him so the regarded officer in the US. In any case, in the wake of watching this film, I understood it was important to draw out his story before people in general who didn't know his identity.

Chris is called the Most Lethal Sniper in the US Navy. He was the most feared killer amongst the enemy countries. Chris had around 160 kills to his name during his tenure at the Navy SEAL. But, his journey was not easy in becoming one. Chris was a very sensitive child who got beaten by his own classmates. His dad, Wayne Kyle whose role was played by Ben Reed was a very aggressive man who couldn't see that his son is beaten up by some other kid. That changes his life because his father decided to train him and that's how the journey of Chris becoming the deadliest sniper began.

The movie starts with a war scene in Iraq. Wherein Chris with his killer stint keeps an eye for his fellow teammates and finally kills down a child and his mother who were carrying a grenade. Chris was traumatized after killing that little kid as he went back in time and remembers how he killed a baby deer for the first time with a rifle. He went to a bar for a drink after coming back to Texas.

This bar was the turning point of his life as he met Kaya and over the drink these two became friends. As the time passed by both of them gradually fell in love and finally decided to marry each other. This was the time in the movie that showed his love story, had it be more elaborate, it would have given a lasting impression on the viewers. The couple was having a good time and were expecting a baby. Chris couldn't refuse but had to go on war as for him or any other Navy officer, duty comes first.

The storyline that revolves around this time is the best part of the movie. The dust around the place was a challenging task for Chris, by reading the air movement and sound of the shot taken by the Iraqi sniper made him gauge where that person is and took a shot. The Iraqi sniper

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was killed by a headshot. After it, Chris and others were trapped with Iraqi soldiers as the US backup was 20mins away.

They were finally rescued and Chris started living a normal life. But then one day, the things turned and he was betrayed by his own countrymen and officer to whom Chris was helping, and in return he was killed. Bradley Cooper portrays a very intense character and it is one of his best acting so far.

In my review, this movie was very direct and to the point and only focused on one part of Chris's life. If it was more descriptive it would have been a better movie and more appreciated by the audience. But still, this is one of the movies that is a must watch for a person who loves war films and loves to watch the real-life documentary of the heroes.

Overall the movie had good cinematography, it was very crisp and properly edited, the props that were used were really good, the guns and ammunition used were looking quite real and the background music was also engaging throughout the film.

“American Sniper was nominated for the Best Picture at Oscars 2015”.

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