

# MVAH ZOOM Movie Club

October 3, 2023 @ 3pm

Next movie club: November 14, 2023 @ 3PM

## Attendees:

Carol Mattaino
Joseph Maittaino
Louise McLean
Robert McLean
Kathi Hanrahan (host)

NOTE: All are welcome to participate in movie club and discuss any movies you've recently seen and that you may (or may not) recommend to other MVAH members. It's not necessary to have seen the assigned movies.

October movies are *Matilda* and *Hacksaw Ridge*. Viewers found *Matilda* entertaining but too fantastical for some. *Hacksaw Ridge* was an inspiring story of one man's ethics, but with excessive gruesome war scenes.

## OCTOBER MOVIES

**Movie 1: *Matilda*** (1996, Prime Video and Netflix – Comedy Drama)

**Rating: 3.7**

*Matilda* is a charming family film directed by Danny DeVito, based on Roald Dahl's novel. The movie follows the story of a gifted young girl named Matilda Wormwood, played by Mara Wilson, who discovers her telekinetic powers while living in a neglectful and abusive household. Matilda seeks refuge in her school, where she befriends the kind-hearted Miss Honey, portrayed by Embeth Davidtz. However, their happy existence is threatened by the cruel and intimidating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, played brilliantly by Pam Ferris. *Matilda* is a heartwarming tale of courage and friendship that will captivate audiences of all ages. (Forbes, 4/1/23)

**Movie 2: *Hacksaw Ridge*** (2016, Prime Video and Netflix – War Docudrama)

**Rating: 3.8**

**Hacksaw Ridge** uses a real-life pacifist's legacy to lay the groundwork for a gripping wartime tribute to faith, valor, and the courage of remaining true to one's convictions. The film follows WWII American Army Medic Desmond T. Doss, who served during the Battle of Okinawa. Doss refuses to kill people and becomes the first man in American history to receive the Medal of Honor without firing a shot. (Rotten Tomatoes 84%)

**Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings. We have lively discussions!** You are welcome to participate and discuss some other movie that you've recently seen.

Movies for November's viewing are mystery/thriller, **Evil Under the Sun** (1982, Prime Video), and a comedy/drama **A Man Called Otto** (2022, Netflix).

Agatha Christie detective Hercule Poirot (Peter Ustinov) returns in the "sleekly designed whodunit" *Evil Under the Sun*. Set in a posh island resort, the film stars Maggie Smith, Roddy McDowall, Diana Rigg, James Mason and more. The famous detective travels to an island for vacation and stays in a hotel where a famous film star is found dead on the beach. The other guests knew the victim and had an equal hatred for the woman, which makes the culprit anyone's guess. But, since all of them have a solid alibi, Poirot must look closer at their stories to deduce fact from fiction (Rotten Tomatoes, 92%).

Based on the comical and moving *New York Times* bestseller, *A Man Called Otto* tells the story of Otto Anderson (Tom Hanks), a grumpy widower who tries to plot his own demise and whose only joy comes from criticizing and judging his exasperated neighbors. When a lively young family moves in next door, he meets his match in quick-witted and very pregnant Marisol, leading to an unexpected friendship that turns his world upside-down (Rotten Tomatoes, 97% Audience Score).

The next Movie Group will meet on the **second** Tuesday of November, **November 14<sup>th</sup>**, at 3:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings and join in the lively discussions. Keep in mind that you don't have to watch the assigned movies. You're welcome to join in and talk about recent movies that you have seen and might recommend (or not) to other MVAH members.

