

Memory 7 sheet

Please keep them coming for next month!

From Sandy:

Well here's two more that I think are worth submitting:

1) '**Official Secrets**' with Keira Knightly, Matt Smith, Matthew Goode and Ralph Feines. It tells of the little-known true story of Katharine Gun, who worked as a translator for British Intelligence, who risked everything to try and stop the Iraq war. She therefore broke the official secret act when she received a shocking memo from the USA asking Britain to vote for the war.

The film tells the story of how Katharine felt compelled to leak the memo to the press, which started a chain of events that put both her and her family at risk and resulted in her being sent for trial. This film had me gripped all the way through and had the most amazing ending. It also had me wondering about who I should trust!

2) Another true, heart wrenching story called '**Lion**' and I can certainly recommend the book as well as the film which features Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman. Anyone that likes Long Lost Families on TV will love this although this has a lot more drama than sentimentality. The film starts in India so uses subtitles at first but these soon pass and is well worth working through this part as the story is gripping. It tells of how a 5 year old boy, Saroo, becomes lost on a train travelling miles away from his home village and family and ends up frightened and bewildered in Kolkata. He somehow survives living on the streets, escaping a few close calls along the way before ending up in an orphanage that really isn't a safe haven. However, he is adopted by an Australian couple and grows up in Hobart. Not wishing to hurt his loving adoptive parents Saroo suppresses feelings about wishing to find his natural mother and brother but eventually, as an adult, a chance meeting reawakens this need. Armed with a fierce determination and only a few scant memories Saroo then sets out to try and trace his journey and finally finds his long-lost family in India. This really is another amazing story of human endeavour that I found very inspirational.

Get these two DVDs and enjoy! Sandy

From Linda:

My memory is going back to childhood days and the first films I was taken to see. One was "Oklahoma" and screened at the then popular cinema on the hill in St Budeaux, Plymouth. Believe it was called 'The State'. This place was, I believe, later turned into a Bingo Hall (shame!) The title song was just so catchy, I suppose.

Secondly, "South Pacific", the songs "Wash that Man right out of my Hair", "Bali Hai" and "Some Enchanted Evening" have always stuck in my mind.

Both Rogers and Hammerstein classic films.

I was also taken to see the live 'Gang Show' at the old Palace Theatre in Union Street, with the unforgettable 'Riding Along on the Crest of a Wave'.
Did anyone else get to see these?