

Oppenheimer - The Manhattan Project

Another IMAX viewing and the theatre was packed enough for me to wear a mask!

Adapted for the screen by Christopher Nolan and based on the Pulitzer-winning book by Kai Bird and the late Martin J. Sherwin on the life of theoretical physicist, J. Robert Oppenheimer. This movie is thought-provoking, requires your attention, and is long. 3 hours.

If you are contemplating creating an atomic bomb to destroy humanity, it deserves at least that much of your time. Or you can go see *Barbie* (not yet viewed as of this writing).

Outstanding performances all round: Cillian Murphy as J. Robert Oppenheimer gives a quietly riveting and masterful performance; Robert Downey Jr. as Lewis Straus matches this with explosive emotion that is worth the wait; with honorable mentions to Matt Damon as General Leslie Groves, Florence Pugh as Jean Tatlock, and Emily Blunt as Kitty Oppenheimer.

Stanley Kubrick's 1964 movie, *How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*, a.k.a. *Dr. Strangelove* is worth watching afterwards. The contrast with this political satire black comedy appears to be a sign of our times.

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