

Film Review: Rocky 1 by Jake Degiorgio



My all time favourite movie is Rocky 1 (the first movie). The movie came out in 1976. Although the movie is pretty old it is without a doubt my favourite. The main character is Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) and the other popular characters are Paulie (Rocky's wife's brother), Adrien (Rocky's wife), Apollo Creed (Rocky's opponent), Duke (Apollo Creed's trainer) and Mickie (Rocky's trainer).

It is an inspirational film where a thirty-year-old boxer from Philadelphia named Rocky Balboa, gets a surprise shot at fighting for the heavyweight championship. Rocky Balboa was born in a tough neighbourhood in Philadelphia. Many people from this neighbourhood did drugs. Despite living in this neighbourhood, Rocky Balboa always focused on his passion. The amateur boxer with no fame always trained and worked his guts out to be a better boxer but despite his hard work nobody believed in him.

Nobody had ever heard the name Rocky Balboa until the heavyweight boxing champion came up with an idea. The African American boxer Apollo Creed came up with the idea to give a local underdog fighter from Philadelphia an opportunity for the biggest boxing title in the world. Everybody underestimated Rocky and everybody thought he would not even be able to survive two rounds against Apollo. He was determined to prove everyone wrong. He invented his own technique of training. Rocky Balboa's unusual training method was punching raw meat. While all of this was happening he finds love in the arms of a shy reclusive girl who works at the local pet store. The question is; does Rocky fail in his fight against Apollo Creed or does he go the distance?

What I like the most about the movie is the message behind it. Also the soundtrack has motivational songs. Rocky Balboa also serves as an inspiration for sportsmen competing in all kinds of sports. Although Rocky Balboa had the odds stacked against him he never gave up and his determination was limitless. This is why the film makes me get up to my feet to do something positive. It inspires me to do things beyond my limitations.

I recommend the film to everyone. In my opinion everyone has to see this movie! It changes the way you see your life. It sends the message that no matter how hard life hits you, you always need to strike back and hit life harder.