

Kam' Kapsules: Movies Opening This Friday, Feb. 22



'How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World



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Kam's Kapsules Movie Reviews

WIDE RELEASES

How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (PG for action and mild rude humor) Final installment in the animated fantasy trilogy finds Hiccup (Jay Baruchel) and Toothless embarking on an epic journey to protect their peaceful village from the darkest threat it has ever faced. Voice cast includes America Ferrera, Cate Blanchett, Jonah Hill, Kristen Wiig, Gerard Butler and Craig Ferguson.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

The Changeover (Un-rated) Adaptation of

Margaret Mahy's young adult novel, set in Christchurch, New Zealand, about a 16 year-old girl (Erana James) drawn into a battle with the evil spirit draining the life out of her little brother (Benji Purchase). Supporting cast includes Timothy Spall, Melanie Lynskey and Lucy Lawless.

The Iron Orchard (R for profanity and some sexuality) Depression-era drama chronicling a young man's (Lane Garrison) effort to work his way up the ranks from laborer to wildcatter in the oilfields of West Texas. With Ali Cobrin, Austin Nichols and Lew Temple.

Prosecuting Evil (Un-rated) Reverential retrospective about Ben Ferencz, the sole surviving prosecutor of Nazi war criminals at the Nuremberg trials. Featuring commentary by Alan

Dershowitz, Wesley Clark and Fatou Bensouda.

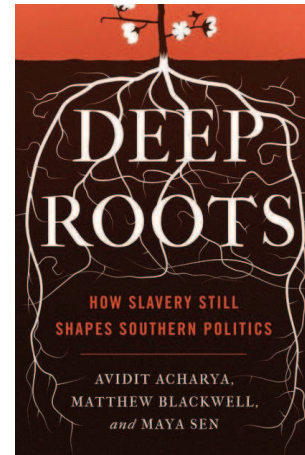
Run the Race (PG for teen partying and mature themes) Sports saga about two teenaged siblings' (Tanner Stine and Evan Hofer) struggle to survive in the wake of their mother's death and being abandoned by their father (Kristoffer Polaha). With Mykelti Williamson, Frances Farmer, Mario Van Peebles, Tim Tebow and Eddie George.

Total Dhamaal (Un-rated) Third installment in the zany action series revolving around a small time crook's (Ajay Devgn) attempt to recoup his losses after being double-crossed by his partner in crime (Manoj Pahwa). Cast includes Arshad Warsi, Javed Jaffrey and Anil Kapoor. (In Hindi with subtitles)

BOOK REVIEW: 'Deep Roots'

Deep Roots: How Slavery Still Shapes Southern Politics
by Avidit Acharya, Matthew Blackwell and Maya Sen
Princeton University Press
Hardcover, \$29.95
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"Despite dramatic social transformations in the United States during the last 150 years, the South has remained staunchly conservative. Southerners are more likely to support Republican candidates, gun rights, and the death penalty, and southern whites harbor higher levels of racial resentment than whites in other parts of the country.

Why haven't these sentiments evolved or changed? "Deep Roots" shows that the entrenched political and racial views of contemporary white southerners are a direct consequence of the region's slaveholding history, which continues to shape economic, political, and social spheres. Today, southern whites who live in areas once reliant on slavery—compared to areas that were not—are more racially hostile and less amenable to policies that could promote black progress."

Excerpted from the

municipalities, cities and states passed Jim Crow laws denying African-Americans the right to vote, travel, buy land, possess a gun, get an education, and so forth.

The punishment for even the slightest of infractions ranged from whipping to lynching in order to strictly maintain the region's color-coded caste system. "Racial violence was an important component of the development of anti-black attitudes, even among poor whites." Furthermore, "White children were often present... and, in some striking cases, they were also active participants."

So, is it any surprise that, "As of the 2016 election, all of the former states of the Confederacy had implemented some voter identification law" in an effort to deny as many black citizens as possible access to the ballot box? Advocates of Confederate monuments and memorials continue to claim the Civil War was waged over states' rights, conveniently ignoring the assertion of the designer of the rebel battle flag that, "As a people, we are fighting to maintain the heaven-ordained supremacy of the white man over the inferior or colored race."

A timely tome which explains why, when it comes to the South, the more things change, the more they remain in-sane.

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