

Movies build up the drama, comedy



Warner Bros.

A scene from "The LEGO Movie" (2014).

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Films work based on how they can build up the drama or comedy in a situation — that's what makes them interesting. For some, the tension built coincides with actual construction. These movies take their construction-based plot lines and craft entire stories around them making them inspiring, hilarious or cautionary tales.

"The Bridge on the River Kwai" (1957) — The sweeping war epic directed by the equally impressive Sir David Lean is full of nuance not seen in many war films from that era. Starring Sir Alec Guinness as a British prisoner of war during World War II who is forced, along with other POWs, by his Japanese captors to build a rail bridge over the River Kwai. Guinness and co-stars William Holden and Sessue Hayakawa deliver stunning, career topping performances. The film, obviously takes many liberties with the truth of Allied POW camps and their treatment as well as how it portrays the Japanese soldiers in it for the sake of drama and 1950s audiences. Rent it on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Google Play, Vudu or YouTube.

"The LEGO Movie" (2014) — Everything is awesome in the surprisingly clever and fun animated film centered around an ordinary LEGO figure who, like all other ordi-

nary figures in the world made from brick-like toys, goes about his days in a routine schedule of events. When he encounters a mysterious woman at his construction site, he becomes fused with a mythic LEGO piece that is the key to defeating the villainous Lord Business. Featuring the vocal talents of Christ Pratt, Elizabeth Banks, Morgan Freeman, Will Ferrell and Will Arnett who would go on to give one of the best Batman performances ever (I said what I said) in the spin-off film "The LEGO Batman Movie." The movie is, like the toys it's based on, delightful for all ages. Rent it on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Google Play, Vudu or YouTube.

"The Money Pit" (1986) — Sometimes a good deal really is too good to be true. For Walter and Anna (Tom Hanks and Shelley Long), they find out very quickly that the home they've purchased together which

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