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Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children Movie Review

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Adapted from the best-selling novel by Ransom Riggs, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* has graced the silver screen with a swirling mix of action, adventure, romance, and horror.

Remaining number one in the box office for three consecutive weeks, director Tim Burton has once again released another cinematic masterpiece.

The film follows the story of Jacob, a seemingly normal teenager wasting away in Florida. After his grandfather's mysterious death, he travels to a mysterious island to find some truth in the bedtime stories his grandfather told him: of a flying girl, a boy made of bees, and a mysterious

headmistress.

There, he stumbles upon the world of the Peculiar, people with special abilities who hide in pockets of time to avoid being hunted down by monstrous beings who feed on them for their powers in order to become immortal.

Aided by Miss Peregrine, he learns more about his grandfather's mysterious past and the world of the Peculiar. When their world is attacked, it is up to Jacob and his new friends to fight these beasts and rescue Miss Peregrine.

It is often said that movie versions never measure up to the novel, save for Harry Potter, but this film is the exception. While the film does take some creative control over

the story, the universe remains intact.

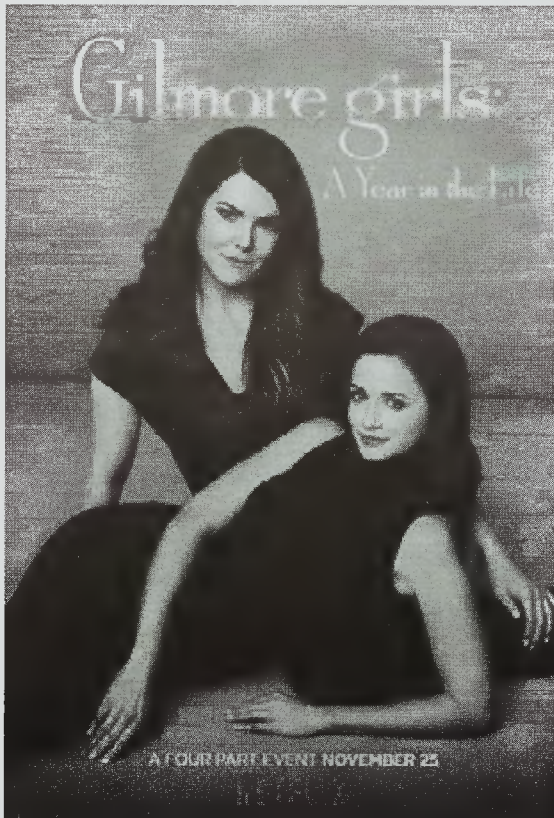
Fans of the three-part series will be shocked by the world Tim Burton has created straight from the imagination of Riggs with his own special twist. Newcomers to the series will be running for the nearest bookstore to read more about Miss Peregrine and her brood of Peculiar.

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Gilmore Girls Revival

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Pack your bags for Stars Hollow, because on Nov. 25 the *Gilmore Girls* revival series premieres on Netflix. Titled "*Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life*," the four-part series is expected to bring huge numbers of nostalgic TV-watchers, all excited to see how Lorelai and Rory have fared.

Practically 100% of the original cast are on the released cast list for the

revival, including all three of Rory's main former boyfriends. So, here's what we know about the revival based on the trailers (mild spoilers ahead, if you're a purist):

- Richard Gilmore has died sometime in the past few years, but seemingly pretty close to when the revival is taking place, since we see images of the funeral. This isn't really a big surprise for fans of the show, since the actor that played him, Edward Herrmann, passed away in 2014.
- Lorelai and Luke are together; we hear the line "Luke and I are happy" spoken by Lorelai, albeit in a wistful tone that may have implications for

their future.

- Though Jared Paladecki, Milo Ventimiglia, and Matt Czuchry - the actors who portray Dean, Jess, and Logan, respectively - are all slated to return, the only one shown on camera with Rory in the trailers is Jess. Arguably more important is the fact that Czuchry is signed for all four episodes, whereas Ventimiglia is signed for three.
- Town meetings are still regularly taking place, a comfort to all who got used to the small town of Stars Hollow during the original series.
- All three generations of *Gilmore Girl* are feeling unsettled; the second, much longer trailer seems to focus on the changes that Emily, Lorelai, and Rory want to make or feel coming soon for them.

So why is everyone so excited? Specifically, why has the buzz on Meredith's campus been practically audible? The answer, as it usually is at Meredith, seems to be community. Emily Mitchum and Megan Cassimatis, class of 2020, weighed in.

"I think a lot of people are drawn to *Gilmore Girls* because of the community it shows, both in Stars Hollow and within the *Gilmore* family. It's easy to picture yourself as a part of the community, kind of like it's easy to become a part of the community here at Meredith. You can really see yourself and other people in the characters of *Gilmore Girls* and that, along with the show being funny and all around wonderful, is what draws a lot of people to it." - Megan Cassimatis

"*Gilmore Girls* is especially empowering for young women, and proves that even if life throws something unexpected at you [...] you have the power to overcome it yourself and use your family and community for support. It reminds me that strong friendships are important, and that having a lot of ambition as a woman is totally okay. It teaches women of all ages what inter-generational communication looks like and what that can do to strengthen a community of women. Also, it's hilarious and Amy Sherman Palladino is a genius. All of those things that make it great are what make the Meredith community great. We see ourselves and our community and our ups and downs in that show." - Emily Mitchum

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