

"Big Hero Six" is a Big Win

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"Big Hero Six" is an alarmingly cute and enjoyable movie with a focus on inspiring kids to seek higher education in STEM, particularly robotics.

The protagonist is a 13-year-old and 14 minutes into the movie, he goes from wanting to be a delinquent who bets of fights, to aspiring to follow in his brother's footsteps and go to "nerd school," otherwise known as college. This movie name-drops science babble like it's going out of style. With talk of super capacitors, magnetic bearing servos, electro-magnetic suspension, nuerocranial transmitters, and more, Big Hero Six will be inspiring for leagues of young dorks.

The nerdfest isn't entirely superficial. The ethics of science comes into play with one character being described as a man who has "cut corners and ignored sound science" in lieu of self-interest. It's great to see a large mainstream movie support robotics and STEM, and to try inspiring young dorks to grow up and "do something with that big brain



of theirs". This movie supports the rise of nerd culture in a sincere and valuable way. If you get a chance to see the movie without watching the trailer, the experience is much more enjoyable. After seeing the trailers, I was extremely wary of what this movie was trying to be. I was expecting something clichéd and a more childish superhero movie and instead received science and intelligence. It's also nice to see a movie that gets into its plot so easily. I'm so used to 2 to 3 hour movies with waddling stories; having Big Hero come in at an hour and 40 minutes is a really nice change of pace. Enough time is given to build the characters with well done, key choices, and the pacing is really great. Everything feels intentional (if a little clichéd at times.)

Big Hero Six is the type of thing moviegoers deserve. There are symmetric elements which tie the beginning and end of the movie together and relate characters that are seemingly at odds. It's a great and inspiring movie for children to watch and enjoy. There is nothing particularly enlightening for an adult, but enjoyable nonetheless.

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