

SCHINDLER'S LIST

A film directed by Steven Spielberg, it was premiered on the November 30 of 1993 in Washington D.C. It is based on the novel Schindler's Ark by Thomas Keneally that deals about the reality of the Second World War. It stars Liam Neeson as Schindler, Ralph Fiennes as SS officer Amon Göth, and Ben Kingsley as Schindler's Jewish accountant Itzhak Stern. The film won seven Academy Awards, three Golden Awards and seven BAFTAs.

This is a story of a man who changed his mind and saved over 1000 Jews. During the Second World War Oskar Schindler, an ambitious, confident, wealthy businessman, arrived in Kraków to earn the trust of the Nazis to benefit his business. Thanks to his relationship with the Nazis Schindler gets ownership of a factory. Itzhak Stern, who was Schindler's Jewish accountant, helped him by employing hundreds of Jews from the Kraków Ghetto as they were the cheapest labour force. Schindler only wanted to improve the productivity of the factory without taking care about the workers. Schindler begins to realise, after the Ghetto liquidation that the Jews he employed were saved from dying in the Plaszow concentration camp, led by the cruel Nazi Commander Amon Goeth. Then his mind changed, and he started caring about them and he did whatever he needed to do to save all the Jews he could by making a list and buying them.

Schindler's list is a black and white film which captivated us. The director chose to produce the film in black and white to take us into the atmosphere and to feel it closer. The film soundtrack is balanced with the story to make us feel it more intensive. It has an incredible setting, because even if they weren't, real we can have imagine and get an idea about how was it. The performances of the thespian are really realistic, especially Liam Neeson as Oskar Schindler because he is never out of the character, is always all the intensive that it could be.

Schindler's list is a must see to know how and to feel closer how the people in the concentration camps lived. It shows the cruelty of how people were treated without prettying up anything. I would recommend this to grown-up people because it's hard to see some images but it really helped me to remember and learn things about the Second World War. Before seeing this film I was sad about the people who lived the Holocaust but I didn't really empathise at all with them yet, the film made me really think about it in my daily life.

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