

Foreign Language Film Festival 2007-2008

Spirited Away



About the movie

DIRECTOR	Hayao Miyazaki, Kirk Wise (co-director) (english version)
YEAR / COUNTRY	2001 Japan
GENRE	Animation / Adventure / Family
ACTORS	N / A

PLOT

Chihiro, a 10-year-old girl moves house with her mother and father to the suburbs. She suddenly finds herself alone in magical world full of witches and monsters where humans are not welcome and are changed into animals (such is the fate of her parents). She is forced to find a job working in a very particular bath house where she proves to demonstrate her strength and integrity. She hangs on to her dream of finding her lost parents and displays her loyalty to her friend Haku by escaping one day to return an object to Yubaba's sister thus reversing a magic spell.

The soundtrack of this film is stunningly beautiful. There are certain alluring moments which bring the viewer into a comparative analysis of "The never Ending Story" and "Alice in Wonderland" enticing one into marvellous escapism.

LANGUAGE

A very clear demonstration of the English language with American accents and careful use of diction. Some idiomatic and slang language is used.

VOCABULARY

To smother: to suffocate	To put a spell on: to place a powerful influence upon
Short cut: a way of saving time or effort	A clutz: slang for clumsy
Shrine: a religious place pertaining to a holy event	To slink around: to go somewhere quietly or slowly so that people will not notice
Give me the creeps: to have an uneasy feeling	Harassment: annoying or unpleasant behaviour at regular intervals
To cling to: to hold on tightly out of fear	Foreman: man in charge
Scaredy-cat: someone who is easily frightened	Dough: money (slang)
Abandoned: left empty	Tip: a small amount of money for a service
Theme park: amusement park	Dirty work: an unpleasant or dishonest job done for another person so they do not have to do it themselves
To lose your nose: to risk and end up with nothing	A dope: a stupid person
To make a racket: to cause a large amount of noise	Back off: to revert from insisting
To take an oath: a formal promise	To have guts: to be courageous
To replenish: to make full again	Murky: dark and difficult to see through
To gobble up: to consume in a gluttonous way	To handle something: to deal with a difficult situation