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READY ONE PLAYER Directed By STEVEN SPIELBERG Based On 2011 Novel Of Same Name

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THE STORY

In 2045, much of Earth's Population Centers have become Slum-Like Cities. To escape their Desolation, People engage in the Virtual Reality World of the OASIS (Ontologically Anthropocentric Sensory Immersive Simulation), where they can engage in Numerous Activities for Work, Education, and Entertainment. Users have discovered "Anorak's Quest" hidden within OASIS, a Game created by the late James Halliday (Mark Rylance), the Creator of OASIS. The first to find the Easter Egg within Anorak's Quest is promised Full Ownership of OASIS among other Gifts.... Wade Watts (Tye Sheridan), an 18-year-old Gunter from Columbus, Ohio, lives in a Slum with his Aunt (Susan Lynch). In the OASIS, Wade goes by his avatar Parzival. He decides to study the Virtual OASIS Library to learn about Halliday's Personal Life in hopes of finding a Hint to finish the Race...

OUR REVIEW

Steven Spielberg has tackled Contentious Topics before (Slavery, the Pentagon Papers, Sharks...) but nothing as likely to stir up a Hornet's Nest of Defensiveness and Disdain as the Subject of this Movie, which is Video Games. This Film dives into the Magma of Fan Zeal, Male Self-Pity and Techno-Mythology in which those Once-Innocent Pastimes are now embedded. The Denseness of the Film's Pop Culture References is both a Pleasure and a Distraction, though a Set Piece involving Stanley Kubrick's The Shining, and a Librarian called The Curator...

In the Film, set in 2045, Wade Watts lives in "The Stacks," a Vertical Pile of Trailers where the Poorer Residents of Columbus, Ohio cling to Hope, Dignity and their VR Gloves. Humanity has been ravaged by the Usual Political and Ecological Disasters and most People seek Refuge in a Digital Paradise called the OASIS....

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