

## *BlackKkKlansman*

The movie is called BlackKkKlansman, it was directed by Spike Lee and released in France in August 22, 2018. The movie is based on a true story from the book Black Klansman, written by Ron Stallworth. Starring John David Washington, Adam Driver, Laura Harrier, Topher Grace as the main actors.

The movie is set in the 70s where it follows the story of a young black man named Ron Stallworth, who just joined the police department of Colorado Springs, Colorado. After being subjected to the racist and tense environment of the department and a somewhat successful infiltration mission. Ron Stallworth is transferred to the intelligence division where he finds an advertisement for the local Ku Klux Klan. He decides to call and poses as a racist, anti-Semite, anti-Latino and homophobic white man looking to join the Klan, only to discover that he used his real name. He gains the accord of his chief to commence an infiltration of the KKK with the help of Flip Zimmerman a non-practicing Jewish officer. The pair create the two-man Ron Stallworth; the real Ron Stallworth handles the phone conversations while Zimmerman while meet the Klan's members in person. The duo begins to infiltrate the KKK to discover what the Klan is up to while making Ron Stallworth the first black man in the Klan.

While I liked the movie, I believe that it struggles with its balance of drama and comedy. While trying to deliver the message that the Klan is a serious threat (especially during the last part), the movie depicts the Klan more as a good-for-nothing group with stereotypical characters that are more made to be laugh at than feared. Without spoiling the content of the ending, I can say that I was left confused, for the ending continuously shifts between a happy, sad, comedic and realistic tone which left me confused as to what I was supposed to feel. The last things that I dislike was the first infiltration, which was quickly abandoned despite being interesting.

While for me the film does have the problem listed before, it still delivers an interesting story that while make you like the characters and laugh at some of them. The actors play their roles really well and it makes the characters much more interesting. The soundtrack is something that I really liked in this movie, it really packs a punch during tense situation. The comedy is really well done as well and the serious moments (apart from the constant switch at the end). The liberty taken with the characters (such as Zimmerman being Jewish) do bring more drama to the story which I appreciated.

In conclusion, I recommend this movie, it is a really interesting film that will make you laugh and think. Its story is quite an interesting one and the last minutes are really powerful. This movie can directly be link with its last minutes to Charlottesville rally, as white supremacist rally that took place on August 11 and 12, 2017 after the controversy of the removal of Confederate monuments in response to the Charleston church shooting. The rally quickly turned to violence and left many injured after the clashing of the protesters and counter-protesters. Heather Heyer lost her life during the rally as James Alex Fields Jr rammed is car into the crowd, killing her and injuring others