



Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

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LGBTQ+ Romance, Coming of Age

What originally made you interested in reading/watching/playing this media? How did you hear about it or come across it?

I read the book first, I loved the book with everything in me, and then saw it had a movie to go along with it. I did not really think the movie would be amazing but its okay.

Is it part of a series? If so, what series is it?

It is the movie to go alongside the book under the title Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe.

What is this media about? Make sure to give enough interesting details without spoiling too much!

It follows Aristotle on his journey growing up and you get to see all of his life's complications through his eyes with actual videos and imagery so you have a better understanding of what was going on at home and around in the community with all of the sounds and dialogue you can hear.

Who are the main characters? What makes them interesting or unique?

Aristotle Mendoza and Dante Quintana, they both show similar struggles and they grow up alongside each other, even staying together after being separated for a bit they remained tight close friends til the end, showing a good portrayal to love people even if you drift apart for a bit.

Does this media remind you of anything else you've read/watched/played?

It is almost the same as the book except for some major key points that happened, they skipped over a lot of valuable information that makes sense in the book, such as Dante's sketchbook and the relevance to that in the story.

What type of person might enjoy this media? For example, this book is for someone who likes Percy Jackson, someone who enjoys getting scared, someone who likes a challenge, etc.

I would say you should watch it, it was a good movie overall but I would honestly watch it before I read the book if I could just because I think I would've preferred that way even with minor spoilers. The book was more in depth of what happened and how it was arranged and the movie just left a lot of important stuff out. People who like romances and teen love stories or LGBTQ+ stories should watch this movie but definitely also make sure to read the book.

Did you like this media? Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?

I did enjoy it, but again I would personally watch and then read just because I was a little disappointed with what was left out. I may have just been over analyzing it and thought that was a bigger detail than it was, but it was definitely an important one. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to, more as an you can if you want but it doesn't add much value to the story line, and I even wonder if the audio book may even be better. Though definitely check it out if you struggle with imagery because a lot of how I imagined them were not at all what they were shown as in the movie.

Do you like the cover? Does it convey what the media is about?

It doesn't exactly show much since it's just a photo of them before you play the movie, but I would say it shows that they are friends and good friends at that. Referring to the trailer though, it completely sums it up well and I say watch the trailer before you watch it just to be sure you want to even though the movie is pretty short, that being said it still is roughly an hour and a half.

Do you have any last thoughts about this media that you would like to include in your review?