

Knightly Classics

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Read about what's going on in Ukraine, and the history of Russia.

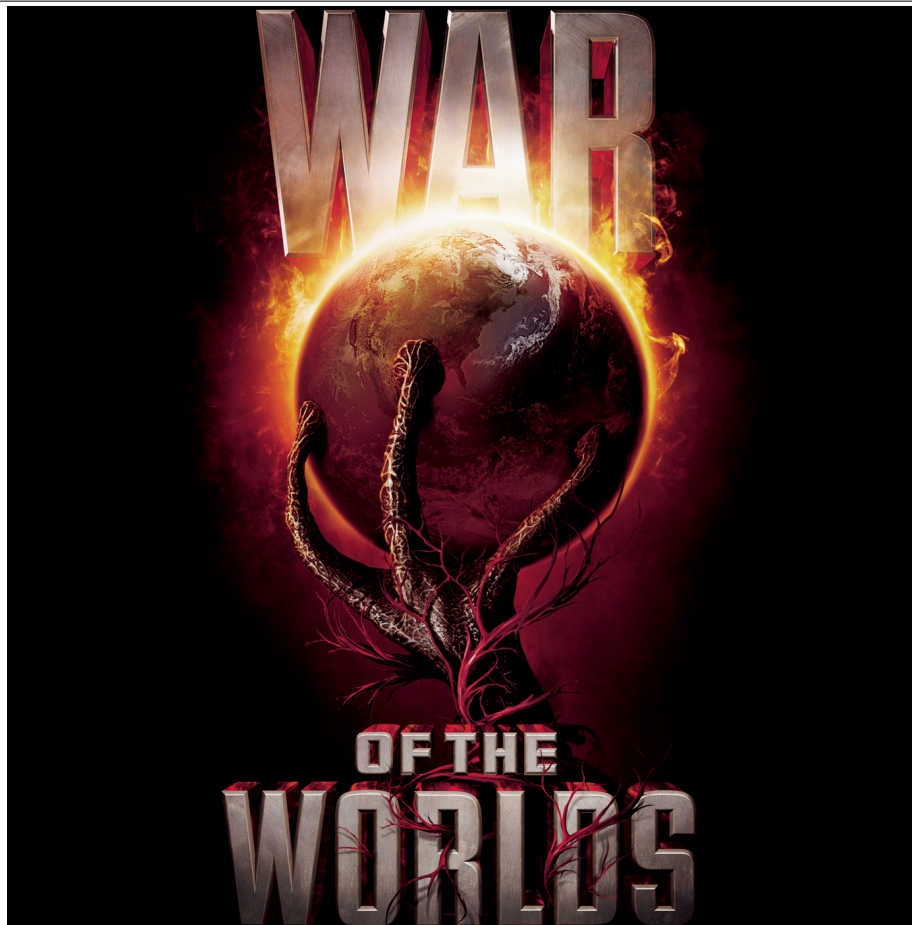


BOOK REVIEW



MOVIE REVIEW

GAUNTLET



Knightly Classics (with Laszlo Jurasinski).

We're probably always wondering, "What are some good horror movies?" Consider Steven Spielberg's *War of the Worlds* instead. It's a horror sci-fi movie that's rated PG-13 (Violence and some language). It's a great movie

that's not too frightening for some people, and it features Tom Cruise as the protagonist. Morgan Freeman even surprises as the narrator.

It's about a man named Ray Ferrier (Tom Cruise), who was divorced by his wife. While he was married he had two children: Robbie, and Rachel. On a weekend with them, Ray, Robbie and Rachel experience a very unusual lightning storm, after which, giant machines that walk on three mechanical legs with huge headlights begin to vaporize people in the streets of New York. Ray gets back to the house to get Robbie and Rachel, steals his boss' car, and goes to Robbie and Rachel's mom's house to deliver them to safety, but soon after they settled in the basement, a plane crashed directly into the house.

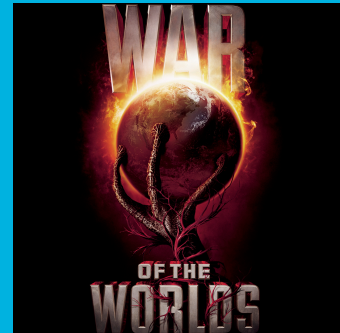
They go through many frightening things in this movie; such as a car fight, a fight to get to the ferry, and a fight with the aliens.

Steven Spielberg's War of the Worlds has many great scenes, but my favorite is the ferry scene. Where Ray, Robbie and Rachel are dumped into the ocean by the machines and swim to land to evade them, who we see plucking people out of the ocean. I like how it shows the helplessness of these people who are just being picked up by the machines as though they're bath toys.

War of the Worlds is frightening, but not too frightening, puts sci-fi into a horror/disaster movie, and I give it nine out of ten.

https://youtu.be/tMw_xOuU9DAN (Ferry Scene)

*Stay reading for
the following*



Premier Knight (with Zeek Haskins)

Movie Review: *Minions & More 1*

By: Zeek Haskins

The new “*Minions and More 1*” contains short clips of the minions from “*Despicable Me*”, while including mini-movies into it such as “*Training Wheels*”, “*Puppy*”, and “*Yellow Is The New Black*”. The short film is suitable for all ages! Its cast contains people such as Pierre Coffin, Danny DeVito, Jessica DiCicco and Miranda Cosgrove, who starred in the show we all know and love, *iCarly*! I would definitely recommend you to watch this, because it is almost a spinoff of the original “*Minions*” movie, because it is built the same way, as the minions rule the movie, not Gru.

Book Review (with Thomas Steele)

Septimus Heap

If you like *Harry Potter* or other magic and wizard-based stories, then this is the series for you. *Septimus Heap* is a less well-known book series that deserves a lot of love for its interesting plot, likable heroes, and magykal world. (Before you doubt the spell-checking skills of the *Gauntlet* editorial staff, just note that several of the *Heap* series contain phonetically spelled titles.) This series is about *Septimus Heap*, the seventh son of *Silas Heap*, the seventh son of *Benjamin Heap*. Being the seventh son of the seventh son makes Septimus very magykaly powerful. From being swapped at birth to fighting those so evil they had to be trapped in a ring, the Heap family has many adventures that make for an exciting story. There are in total seven books in the series: *Magyk*, *Flyte*, *Physik*, *Queste*, *Syren*, *Darke*, and *Fyre*. Throughout these stories, *Septimus* grows his magykal ability under the Extraordinary Wizard, *Marcia Overstrand*. He uses his aptitude and exceptional perseverance to overcome his foes in this thrilling seven-part adventure.

Sports (with Isac Macado)

Best NFL Fantasy players to Start on your Roster

Alright everybody, I know you are all fired up for the upcoming NFL football games this week. I'm positive you're all also hoping to put up big numbers in fantasy too. Today I'm going to be telling you guys all the stars of NFL fantasy, that you're going to want to be starting on your team!

Elite quarterbacks in fantasy can set you up for a great match, making them essential on your roster. Patrick Mahomes and Josh Allen have been the two most explosive this year, both putting up over 241 points in total and averaging over 26.7 points a game.

The top two highest scoring wide receivers this season have been remarkable. We have Stefon Diggs at the number two spot and Tyreek Hill at the number one spot. Hill and Diggs both have over 140 total points, and both average over 22 points a game.

Both of our top two running backs have averaged over 17.2 points a game, and have over 161 total points. Derrick Henry has claimed first place for the highest scoring running backs, scoring 18.5 average points per game. Nick Chubb has second place, scoring an average of 17.2 points a game.

Tight ends are also critical positions in fantasy. Travis Kelce, Mark Andrews, and Taysom Hill have been the highest scorers this season. Hill averages 8.7 points per game and Andrews averages 9.7 points per game. But these players are nowhere near Travis Kelce's average. With an average of 15.4 points per game, Kelce has been dominating fantasy this year.

High scoring NFL kickers are important to have in close fantasy matchups, and could get you the final points you need to seal the win. Tyler Bass and Brett Maher are the top scorers this year. Maher averages 10 points per game, while Bass averages 10.3 points per game. These two kickers also have over 99 points scored in total.

So those are our top our top fantasy scorers in the NFL. If you don't have any of these players, you might just want to try and help out your team and get them on your roster!

What's Going On in Ukraine and Russia?

Researched by Alex Bruni 10/3/22

The History of Ukraine: In the year of 1917 was the Russian revolution; it lasted all the way until 1923 led by a communist dictator Vladimir Lenin. Then 1939 comes along, (WW2) Joseph Stalin, a ruthless dictator in the Soviet Union responsible for hefty war crimes and killing more jews than Adolph Hitler. From 1949 to 1991 the Cold War started with the threat of nuclear annihilation. With the threat of communist takeover in Korea and Vietnam. Tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union were very high. The Cuban missile crisis was also a threat between the US and the Soviet Union. This threat had made the US very frightened and the world braced for nuclear armageddon. In the 90's Mikhal Gorbachev was the Soviet leader who made the Soviet people happy by letting protests take place in the Eastern Bloc of Europe. Gorbachev started to let reforms take place. He also let the countries choose what they wanted to do. In 1991 the fall of the "Red Terror". The RED TERROR or the Soviet Union was called this because of the mass oppression on different races and they're

own people. The fall of the Red Terror was one of the greatest days in human history.



Ukraines flag under Soviet

Occupation

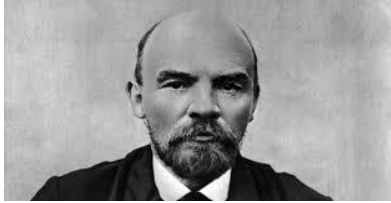
The Soviet Union was made up of many countries. One of these countries was Ukraine, an economically rich part of the Soviet Union. When Ukraine left Soviet rule they became an independent country.

In 2022 Vladimir Putin will be the current president of the Russian federation. He launched an attack on Ukraine in February and he states that Ukraine belongs to him. Putin also attacked Crimea in the southern area of Ukraine in 2014.

This is currently where we are with the terror of Russia and socialism, communism, selfishness and,narcists. Putin told NATO or "The North Atlantic Treaty Organization" that if they intervene it would be "Nuclear War."

Ukraine has lost cities and Russia has taken key cities from Ukraine like Donetsk the Russian army has gotten much closer to Kiev (The capitol) as of March 6. Russia has been launching missile strikes on Kiev and forcing people into subway

stations. Many Ukrainians are fleeing to Poland in hopes for a better future out of Ukraine.



Vladimir Lenin creator of the Soviet Union.

What is going on In Ukraine?

Vladimir Putin is the current president of Russia since he has started the war he has taken the lives of innocent civilians this includes, children, and adults.

February 28 2022

Last night Ukraine launched an attack on columns of Russian tanks, personnel vehicles, and projectile vehicles.

A savior who came to light on the was called the "Ghost of Kyiv" who shot down 6 Russian fighters in his MIG29 and then on the 26th shot down another 3 jets before he got shot down. The Ghost of Kyiv survived with minor injuries and will be back in the air soon but many have speculated that he never existed.

Vladimir Putin

Putin has committed serious war-crimes against the people of the Ukraine and against the Geneva Convention. His acts of crime consist of, killing innocent

civilians, bombing hospitals, daycares, and kindergartens.

Facts about the war:

18yr- 35 yr olds are not permitted to leave Ukraine because Ukraine needs men to resist the Aggression of Russia.

Putin called Ukraine "Neo-Nazis" but the acts Putin is doing is making him look like a "Neo-Nazi"

Ukraine has mobilized millions of troops and are waiting for a full scale invasion.

Germany, the UK, and US have provided weapons, troops, and vehicles.

Ukraine has a missile arsenal of around 25 ICBM missiles none of which are nuclear.

Ukraine is using jets from the 90's which are more agile than the current jets Russia is using.

The Ukrainian tanks are very good at destroying Russian light vehicles but not so good with strong medium to heavy vehicles.

"Javelin Missiles" is a weapon that can destroy a tank by shooting the round straight up so it lands on the roof or shooting the front of the tank.

Putin's vision:

Putin embraces communism. He was born in the United Soviet Socialist Republic of Russia or the USSR. He saw what

communism was like and started to be a politician but he also worked for the KBG back in the 80's as a Soviet Spy.

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Volodymyr Zelensky the current president of Ukraine.

“What's going on in Ukraine?” Fox News, Crimea, Putin, What Putin is doing.

CNN “Putin claims that the people of Ukraine are Russians just like him and the population of Russia. Putin thought the Ukrainian people would welcome him with open arms Putin was very wrong.”

October 3 2022

The Russian military in 2018 said they came out with a new suit of body armor. The actual “Body armor” is nothing more than two 3mm thick steel plates with 5 mm of cardboard in between this “steel plating”.

October 16

Russian armored vehicles from the 60's and 70's are now being used to fight the war in Ukraine. The T-70 is Russia's MBT (Main Battle Tank) Putin has recently run out of his T-70's and is now using Cold War era tanks one of which is the T-62 MBT. The T 62 does not have Explosive Reactive Armor or (ERA). This means that tank projectiles can go straight through the tanks armor. ERA when hit by a HEATFS (High Explosive Anti Tank Fin-Stabilized) round while exploding the shell before it enters the tank protecting it from any serious damage.

November 10-20

Around 10 million Ukrainians are without power. When winter comes the 10 million Ukrainians will have to find or make heat sources. Many have resulted in living in

ruined buildings to avoid getting shelled any further.

November 16 - 20

Kharkiv and Donetsk are just a few attacks away from being reclaimed by Ukraine. Russian presence in the area has dwindled due to the catastrophic losses Russia has taken from NATO provided weapons.

A Video was taken on the 18th that showed a Russian AGM (Air to Ground Missile) getting shot out of the sky by Ukrainian air defense systems.

December 2nd 2022

In the Luhansk region of Ukraine the Russian army has lost more than half of the state of Luhansk because of Ukraine and its NATO supplied weapons. Putin is fearing that if he does not get his way soon in Ukraine that he will resort to the “Nuclear Option”.

The Outcome of the Russian vs Ukraine war with Nuclear weapons would be devastating and would cause panic among the world Kyiv would be hit the

hardest as it is the capital of Ukraine. If some radiation were to go into Polski or (Poland) Many would panic from this and ask the Polish government what to do. The government of Poland would get together with the rest of NATO members to decide if the world would go to war.

This is all the information on the current Ukrainian government, state of the civilian population, and the Ukrainian military.

Food of the Month

The food of the month for December is the B.L.T.

The BLT is a tasty sandwich that every middle school student could make with ease. The recipe is simple but first, some ingredients and supplies that you will need are bacon, lettuce, tomato, two pieces of bread(wheat or white), butter/margarine, and a toaster. (Some other ingredients you can use are ham, avocado, and cheese.) You can also add other toppings such as banana peppers and mayonnaise.

1. First you need to put your bread into the toaster and wait for it to become toast, but not too long. Next you'll need to butter your toast.
2. Then put your toppings on (bacon, lettuce, tomato ect).
3. Lastly, put your other piece of toast to finish your sandwich.

Happy cooking ;)

