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## Crafted & Control: Film Review

Despite its utter lack of sound, the film, 'A Quiet Place', directed and acted by John Krasinski, is full of excitement and inconceivable thrills, enough to momentarily skip a heartbeat. Don't let the lack of dialogue and sound fool you. The reason? Alien monsters roam the Earth in search of humans, however, with visual impairments. What it lacks in sight though, makes up drastically for in hearing. These aliens will hunt you down in just a drop of a pin. The sudden burst of loud noise effects increases the heartbeat. Its phenomenal timing within a tense situation calls for one of the best movies I've seen in 2018.

This is a movie unlike any other thriller you've seen. Although the movie stars prominent figures such as John Krasinski and Emily Blunt, there are no superheroes, no action fighting scenes, no creepy stalker; just the sheer terror of watching a family try to live an everyday normal life. Not a sound will be made by the audience or viewers. The fear is too great for the love of the young family. Every time I saw or read a situation that was going to happen, I bit my lip and tensed up. Even though I knew it was coming, I still jumped, and a chill was still sent through my spine. I expected it, I just didn't know when. The sudden loud effects didn't help either.

For those wanting a brief summary without spoilers, it's pretty much about a family trying to live a normal life, without talking or making a sound. Meanwhile, they attempt to hide and avoid aliens that roam the vicinity, killing anything that makes a sound. This proves to be a challenge though, as the mother (Emily Blunt) is about to give birth. It may sound boring, but do not be fooled. During this time, we learn about the family, their projects, and their alien data collection. We are given time to grow into the film and see and position ourselves in the film. There are sad scenes as you might expect but that quickly fades into anticipation. It's horrible in a sense that it was unrelenting to the heart. It was a rollercoaster of emotions.

The way both John Krasinski (father), Emily Blunt (mother), Millicent Simmonds (older daughter), and Noah Jupe (son) worked together, created a realistic family; one that seemed to understand and interpret another's actions and meanings, without a word needed. The acting was on point. Facial expressions, everything. They acted as though their lives really depended on it, with the exception of course with Noah Jupe. His expression did seem a little fake and unrealistic during one stage of the movie. His face of shock and terror seemed forced. Apart from that, the 13-year-old English actor was excellent and forthcoming to his role.

'A Quiet Place' is a darkened world. The natural green has an eerie taste to it, while the sun provides an elusive light source. These indifferent natural objects build on our fear and tense posture. The film techniques used as well as the props couldn't have been chosen better. Despite all this, the script and techniques used keep our well-earned interest and fear in every inch of the movie. Not once was I ever relaxed. Exciting it is indeed, however, the sense of fear shows and the determination to survive shows just how scary this can truly be in real life.

This movie has been highly rated. 95% on Rotten Tomatoes, 8/10 on IMDB, as well as 4.7/5 on Facebook for its ratings, show just how well deserved this movie really is. It certainly lives up to what a true thriller should be. The ending had me in great despair. The courage shown by each character shows an individual display of their sacrifice and love for one another. Every second

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had me on edge. The crosscuts, camera angles, and sound worked together and created an hour and a half full of suspense and horror. I personally enjoyed this film, although watching it a second time might stop my heart for good. This is a great movie and if you get the chance, watch it. If you don't have the chance, find one. This unusual movie isn't one you'd see every year. A movie like this comes out once every ten. For me, this movie, 'A Quiet Place', deserves a 9/10.

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