Star Wars

aka *Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope*

(1977)

Fantasy-Adventure

MPAA Rated: PG for violence
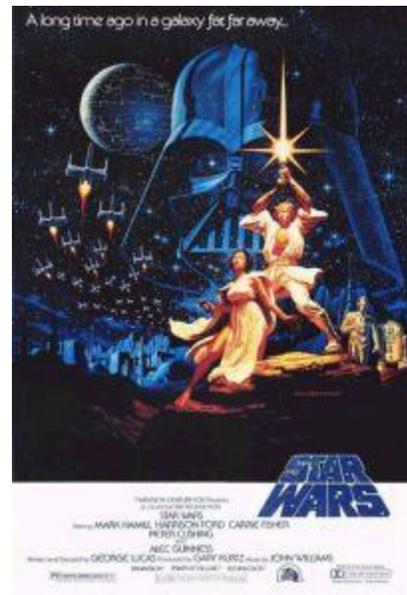**Running Time: 121 min.**

Cast: Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Alec Guinness, Peter Cushing, Anthony Daniels, Kenny Baker, Peter Mayhew, David Prowse, James Earl Jones (voice)

Director: George Lucas

Screenplay: George Lucas

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away -- oh, you know the rest.

A couple of robots shuttle to a desert planet after their rebel spaceship is taken over by an Imperial starcruiser, capturing everyone on board including the rebel princess, Leia (Fisher, *The Blues Brothers*). Leia has sent the robots to convey a message to a man named Obi-Wan Kenobi (Guinness, *Mute Witness*), who she claims is the only hope left for the rebels to beat the evil Empire.

A pair of farmers buy the droids after they are captured by some scavengers to use on their farm, and after the farmer boy, Luke (Hamill, *Corvette Summer*), discovers the princess' message, he heads to Obi-Wan to deliver it. While he is away, his family is killed by the Empire seeking the droids, as they make their escape from the planet with the aid of a space pirate named Han Solo (Ford, *American Graffiti*), and make their way to help the princess, who is now aboard a space station powerful enough to destroy an entire planet in seconds, the Death Star.

Star Wars is truly one of the all-time greatest cinematic experiences ever created. It is a modern-day equivalent of a fairy tale, masterfully and lovingly created by writer-director George Lucas. Combining elements of narratives of the past with modern-day westerns and Japanese cinema, it is a breathtaking endeavor, with an absorbing universe of richly-defined characters. It's bolstered by a memorable score by John Williams (*Jaws*, *The Eiger Sanction*), beautifully created costumes and sets, and a tightly constructed plot that never strays off course; this is nothing short of a sci-fi/fantasy masterpiece.

Oh, should I mention that I recommend viewing this movie to everyone?

Qwipster's rating: ★★★★★