



Reviews

Abacus and Sword (武士の家計簿)

“On Golden Pond meets Dad”

A heart-warming story that covers three generations, Grandfather, father and son as they learn to balance life with the values and ethics of a samurai. Some lessons are harder than others honour is a bitter pill to swallow when it is at the expense of comfort and luxury. Great cast brings forth a story that will guarantee to entertain, captivate and move you. I like that it not only shows how you can learn from your parents the right things to do but even more so how you can learn from their mistakes and make sure it doesn't get passed on to the next generation. Definitely a worthwhile watch!



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Abacus and Sword

Director: Yoshimitsu Morita

Cast: Masato Sakai, Yukie Nakama, Masatoshi Nakamura

Language: Japanese / **Subtitle:** English, or English and Traditional Chinese / **Run Time:** 129 min / **Rate:** G (Japan)

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“Meaningful”

This is a good story with good production. This samurai story is different from other traditional samurai stories with lots of fighting. This samurai is assigned to work as an accountant. He supports his family with abacus instead of sword. It is quite interesting to see how this samurai to solve his family debts by thinking some clever ways with the support of his humble wife and the whole family e.g. by selling off the family furniture & household goods and cut down the family expenses in every way. His devotion to work and family and the way he teaches his son impress me most. I think this story can also reflect the importance of family education to the life of a person.



Before any iPhone Apps for expenses bookkeeping, I have been keeping my personal and household records (on an Excel worksheet) routinely and I am



Edwin

totally thrilled to see the character in Abacus and Sword doing the same even right after his wedding ceremony. It makes me think how many families can pass along their traditional skills that they are proud of, to the future generations. Not too many people have the luxury like this once rebellious son in this title who finally becomes thankful for inheriting the family tradition for him to survive in the unknown future.



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