



## Reviews

# Tomorrow's Joe (あしたのジョー)

## “Million Dollar Baby meets Rocky”



Jovita

When I first heard of this movie, I thought, oh no, not another boxing movie... but I was nicely surprised by the storyline and the exciting fight sequences and graphics. Although based on a manga character, Tomorrow's Joe is a movie laced with the harsh reality of life. While it doesn't have a perfect fairy tale ending, it leaves you with important lessons in integrity and honour. Great cast brings to life some very strong characters. 



### Tomorrow's Joe

**Director:** Fumihiko Sori

**Cast:** Tomohisa Yamashita, Yusuke Iseya, Karina, Teruyuki Kagawa

**Language:** Japanese / **Subtitle:** English (English and Chinese TBC)

**Run Time:** 132 min / Rate: G (Japan)

**Theatrical Release:** Feb 11 (Japan); Mar 18 (Taiwan)

**Inflight Release:** May 2011 / **Territories:** Worldwide ex-Japan



Esther

## “Exciting”

This movie is about boxing but without brutal scenes and suitable for all audience. I feel the rivalry develops between Joe and Rikiishi is very exciting and also mixing with their complex emotions.



The backdrop of this boxing story is Japan in the Sixties when the development was at an astonishing speed. But the ordinary people like Joe Yabuki's neighbours in the slum did not benefit much from the economic miracle. Construction sites blossomed thus pushing the underprivileged class to the corner. Sounds familiar even today in many parts of the world. It is not difficult to understand why Joe became a hero to many. Who would have thought of giving a second chance to yesterday's Joe in the slum and turning him into something bigger than he could imagine? I think Danpei Tange, the trainer of Joe, is a true hero for giving Joe a new vision in life. “For tomorrow” the letter Tange wrote to Joe, is a warm message that perhaps everyone shall send out to others. Who knows? Maybe one day Tomorrow's Joe becomes a chapter inside “Chicken Soup for the Soul”.



Edwin

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