

## Reviews The Tree

## "Finding Neverland meets Life As A House"



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A moving story, great performance by a strong cast
and the beautiful backdrop of Australia... no wonder
the movie received a standing ovation at the Cannes
Film Festival. The issue of loss of a spouse and of a
father was dealt with sensitively and accurately. I found
myself wanting to believe I could hear the voice in The
Tree as well. Truly entertaining story that began with a
loss and ended with courage and hope.



Jackie

An enchanting and heart warming movie about how a family copes with loss through their different connections with a magnificent and larger than life Moreton Bay fig tree. I resonated with the way the movie showed how loss, though devastating, can be overcome with in a different and unconventional way.







**Esther** 

## "Touching"

It is a good movie to watch.
The little girl who plays Simone impressed me the most. She is a very charming character for this movie. Whether her father really whispers to her through

the tree is not important, I can feel her faith and spirit is attached to her late father. It is so touching to see her boldness & persistence to protect the tree. Another highlight of the story is about Dawn who struggles whether to cut down the tree or not. This is a life changing decision for her and her family. Don't miss this movie.

What strikes me most is the tension within this grieving family – a contrast with the tranquility of the countryside. But even so, the mother Dawn is able to hold herself together to deal with her children from a rebellious teenage son to a toddler that seldom speaks – while finding her way to a new beginning of life for herself. The conflict with her daughter Simone (by Morgana Davies) forces her to maneuver to a path for her family to stay intact. The performance of talented Morgana Davies in her role is beyond her age as Simone's monologue with the imaginary father in the tree is noteworthy.



Edwin

The Tree

Director: Julie Bertuccelli

Cast: Charlotte Gainsbourg, Marton Csokas, & Morgana Davies

Language: English Subtitle: Chinese

Run Time: I16 min (Theatrical) / Rating: M-Australia, PG-13-MPAA Theatrical Release: France-Aug. 2010, Australia-Oct. 2010, Hong Kong

Feb. 2011, UK- June 2011, Germany-Mar. 2011

Inflight Release: July 2011/ Territories: Worldwide ex-France,

Australia, US, Canada, UK