Pixar’s Fish Story is a Hit

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No one asks what Finding Nemo is about. In two words, the title exposes both the plot and the ending. At least now your friends won’t ruin it for you. Come to think of it, this latest offering from the Disney-Pixar team is one of those movies that no one can spoil because the plot is not what makes the movie.

During the first three minutes of Finding Nemo, you will probably experience color stimulation overload. This is natural. Allow a few minutes for your eyes to adjust to the Lisa Frank color scheme, then close your jaw and pay attention. Actually, this is an adventure story; it will not require a lot of concentration, so go ahead—get lost in it.

In the next few minutes you will be meeting the core characters of the plot, but you will meet many more along the way. Little Nemo has a gimpy fin and an overly protective father who painfully contradicts the stereotype that all clown fish are funny. In a display of his independence, Nemo has an unfortunate encounter with some scuba divers with nets. Now Nemo needs some finding, and his father inadvertently picks up a traveling buddy: Dori. Although her issues with short-term memory loss are less than helpful to the quest, they are highly amusing for the rest of us.

While the unlikely pair is bumped along from one adventure to the next, Nemo is adjusting to his new life of captivity in a dentist’s waiting room fish tank. Here you will meet a pleasantly plump and effeminate starfish, a blowfish that inflates at most inopportune times, and a mildly disturbed little guy with a bubble obsession. The fish tank’s fraternity-style initiation ceremony may be frightening or disturbing to some EMU students. Take comfort in knowing that Nemo emerges unscathed but hereafter bears the name “Sharkbait.” Finding Nemo has a few unpleasantly tense scenes, especially for small children. At 5’3” I include myself in that category. While watching this movie in the theater, several mothers walked out with their young children before it was over. Although I don’t expect EMU students to run screaming from the theater, I warn you not to underestimate the level of anxiety that can be produced by a computer-animated film of mostly aquatic characters. I highly recommend this movie to anyone over the age of five. The National Geographic scenery will enthrall you, the characters will delight you, and the initiation ceremony will educate you. It is a worthwhile movie all around. Just a note: In the dentist’s waiting room, look out for Buzz Lightyear. Oh, and professors—take notes on Nemo’s school teacher. He’s got a good thing going.

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Marlin (voiced by Albert Brooks) teams up with Dory (Ellen DeGeneres) to find his lost son Nemo, the title character in Pixar’s latest CGI extravaganza.