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AKEELAH AND THE BEE

"It's like Rocky, but with a little girl and a spelling bee."
(seriousrobert81 1/19/07)

"Nah, nah. No. It's more like... Searching for Bobby Fischer. Both teachers were a little bit rough on their students, and they both had serious potential, but with rough edges until the teacher comes and helps them sharpen them up."
(bcgarant 2/28/07)

"I thought of Searching for Bobby Fischer as well."
(FairCritic 2/28/07)

SEARCHING FOR BOBBY FISCHER

"As I watched Akeelah and the Bee, I thought back to Searching for Bobby Fischer. Both of them show child prodigies in adverse conditions that rise above them. Better, they show intelligent kids intelligently. They don't fall back to the "cute kid" cliches, they don't trivialize the feelings of the children. The adults treat the kids like they have a brain, and the kids don't act as if they have knowledge they couldn't have. Overall, they are both going to the top of my favorites list."
(jazz-14 Sun 5/14/06)

"I agree. I just saw Akeelah and the Bee last night and I thought it was wonderful. One of the first things I said to my friend when we left the theater was that it gave me the same great feeling that I had when I saw Searching for Bobby Fischer. I used to work in a video store and would frequently play Searching for Bobby Fischer. Almost every time I would play it people would end up standing by the counter staring at the TV and would literally get sucked into the story. Akeelah's story draws you in the same way. Both very wonderful, inspiring stories for people of all ages!"
(gardenhoe13 6/30/06)