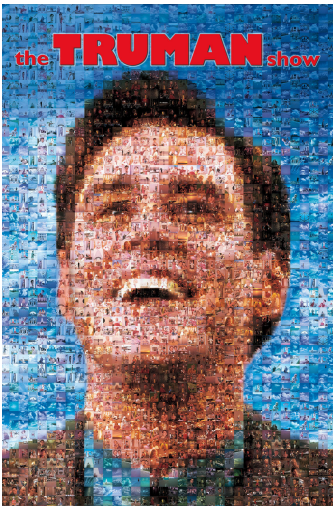


Short Review: “The Truman Show” (1998) by Dr. John L. Flynn



The Truman Show (1998). Paramount Pictures, color, 103 min. Director: Peter Weir. Writer: Andrew Niccol. Producers: Edward S. Feldman, Niccol, etc. Cast: Jim Carrey, Laura Linney, Ed Harris and Noah Emmerich.

Truman Burbank (Carey) seems to have a normal, small town life as an insurance company employee. In reality, however, his life is, unknown to him, a lifelong soap opera being broadcast to the world outside his town. All his friends and his wife (Linney) are in on it and are directed by an unseen director (Harris). When Truman wants to leave, he wises up and kicks up a fuss. The film is a behind-the-scenes look at today’s media reality that sweeps up every public person into its grasp. Every moment of their lives becomes water cooler gossip throughout the land. The similarities to the plot of the TV series “The Prisoner” should be noted too. How fascinating that reality shows like “Survivor” and “The Apprentice” have taken over our lives!

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