

A Community of Coaches ***Akeelah and the Bee***

Full of subtle twists, *Akeelah and the Bee* (2006) is a heartwarming story about a determined girl who brings together an entire community.

Akeelah Anderson, an 11-year-old girl from south Los Angeles, has a talent for words that leads her to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee – the most famous competition of its kind.



In spite of objections from her mother, Akeelah's aptitude, willingness to learn and dedication allows her not only to succeed in spelling, but to rise above obstacles and unite her neighbourhood.

Through a variety of events leading to the National Spelling Bee, Akeelah embarks on a journey that bonds her family, her spelling bee instructor and her 50,000 coaches – her entire community.

I would highly recommend this movie – it is a touching story for both families and children.

Akeelah and the Bee will leave you uplifted, but reaching for three tissues or more.

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