

## Film Review: Story is Just a So-So for ‘Solo: A Star Wars Story’

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CHICAGO – “Solo: A Star Wars Story” is one intergalactic space adventure that sadly never makes the jump to light speed. The end result is not awful, it’s not great, it’s just kinda okay... it slavishly attends to the beats hinted at in the original trilogy without offering much in the way of surprises, or freshness.



Rating: **3.0/5.0**

The film gives Han Solo (Alden Ehrenreich) an origin story that doesn’t differ much from what fanatics might have already conjured up in their fan fiction. Ehrenreich is no Harrison Ford, but he’s not terrible either. His Solo starts as a petty thief, working for the first in a long string of slimy gangster creatures on his home planet, a grimy mud pit called Corellia. He and a fellow thief Qira (Emilia Clarke) hatch a plan to double cross the gangster, steal a valuable hyperspace fuel and make their escape. When things go wrong he gets out and she doesn’t, so he improvises and joins the Empire Air Corps to learn to be a pilot.

*“Solo: A Star Wars Story” opens everywhere in IMAX, RPX and regular screenings on May 25th. See local listings for IMAX/RPX theaters and show times. Featuring Alden Ehrenreich, Woody Harrelson, Emilia Clarke, Donald Glover, Thandie Newton, Paul Bettany, Jon Favreau and Linda Hunt. Written by Lawrence Kasdan and Jonathan Kasdan. Directed by Ron Howard. Rated “PG-13”*



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Aiden Ehrenreich (center) is the Title Character in ‘Solo: A Star Wars Story’  
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