

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE BY DANNY BOYLE

Slumdog Millionaire is a 2008 movie by British director Danny Boyle, and is an adaptation of the novel *Q & A* (2005) by Indian author and diplomat Vikas Swarup. The movie tells the story of Jamal Malik, an 18 year-old orphan from the slums of Mumbai, who is about to experience the biggest day of his life. With the whole nation watching, he is just one question away from winning a staggering 20 million rupees on India's quiz show *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?* But when the show breaks for the night, police arrest him on suspicion of cheating: the police simply can't believe that a common "slumdog" could possibly possess the knowledge to get this far in the game, and in order to convince them of how he gained such knowledge, Jamal begins reflecting back on his childhood. As young boys, Jamal and his older brother, Salim, lived in squalor, and lost their mother in a mob attack on Muslims. Subsequently forced to rely on their own wits to survive, the desperate siblings fell back on petty crime, eventually befriending adorable yet feisty young Latika as they sought out food and shelter on the unforgiving streets of Mumbai. Though life on the streets was never easy, Jamal's experiences ultimately instilled in him the knowledge he needed to answer the tough questions posed to him on *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* And though Jamal makes a convincing case for himself, one question still remains: why would a young man with no apparent desire for wealth or fame be so determined to win big on a national game show? Of course, it won't be long until everyone finds out the answer to this burning question, because as Jamal sits down to find out whether he will be rich beyond his wildest dreams, 60 million viewers remain transfixed to their televisions eager to see if he'll correctly answer the final question.



SPEAKING

- *The movie is about a boy raised in the slums of a big Indian city, who finally finds fortune and love thanks to his initiative and audacity. Do you know other similar stories? Talk about them.*

ACTIVITIES

