

MOVIE

RECOMMENDATION

THE BOY WHO HARNESSSED THE WIND(2019)

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind is a 2019 biographical drama directed by Chiwetel Ejiofor, based on the true story of William Kamkwamba, a young boy from Malawi. Set in a village struggling with drought and famine, the film follows William as he uses his passion for science and engineering to build a wind turbine from scrap materials, bringing water and hope to his community. Despite limited resources and facing numerous challenges, William's ingenuity and determination inspire change and survival. The film highlights themes of resilience, innovation, and the power of education.

PLOT SYNOPSIS

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind tells the inspiring true story of William Kamkwamba, a 13-year-old boy living in a rural village in Malawi. As the community faces devastating famine due to drought and failed crops, William's family, like many others, struggles to survive. With limited food and resources, tensions rise, and William's father, Trywell, struggles to hold the family together.

William is a curious and inventive boy with a passion for science. Despite being forced to drop out of school due to financial hardship, he continues sneaking into the school library, where he discovers a book on energy. Inspired by the idea of generating electricity through wind power, William begins collecting discarded parts and scrap metal from the village. His dream is to build a windmill to power a water pump that could irrigate the family's land and save their crops.

However, William faces numerous obstacles, including skepticism from his father and villagers, as well as the challenge of gathering materials in an impoverished community. Through perseverance, ingenuity, and the support of his teacher, William successfully constructs a working wind turbine. His invention allows the community to irrigate their land, leading to renewed hope and prosperity.

The film concludes with William's success bringing much-needed change to his village, showing how determination and creativity can triumph in the face of overwhelming odds.

