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Film - Peter Weir, (Witness)

radio: Good Morning, this is 2HSC Radio FM, today we'll have our special guest Peter Weir, we'll be discussing about his movie 'Witness'

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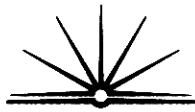
Peter: Good morning every its great to be here for on 2HSC FM.

radio: ok, Peter we've invited you here today to interview you about your movie 'Witness' & the character John Book and Samuel Lapp in his representation of the different worlds with the 'Amish'

Peter: Sure, no worries'

radio: What is so different between the Amish & the Americans normally?

Peter: Well, dot they use no use of electricity, no phones,



Peer- they also dress very simple in the all black coloured clothing. They live far, far away from the civilised world as they are more utilized & NO TIME is committed.

Radio- Mr Weir, what's your use of John Book and Samuel Lapp in his representation of the different worlds in 'Witness'?

Peter- Well, John Book is a American police officer (detective) and Samuel Lapp is a Amish boy whom has witnessed a murder of another police officer by another Police officer (McPhee) at Philadelphia Station.

Samuel could see one police officer (McPhee) the black man, Samuel sees (McPhee) sits the other police officers throat.

Radio- I believe McPhee hears some noise and looks at around the cubicles.

Peter- Yes, that is right, McPhee heard young Samuel breathing so McPhee checks the cubicle one



Peter- by one, just before McPhee is about to kick the cubicle Samuel is in, Samuel slides underneath & hides in the next cubicle.

Radio- So luckily McPhee doesn't find little Samuel,

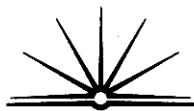
Peter- that's right

Radio- That's a lot of tension there, so how does John Book & Samuel connect together?

Peter- After the murder, Samuel is the witness. Samuel is prevented from continuing his journey with his mother Rachel as Samuel is now an witness for the court.

John Book needs Samuel to find out who the murderer is.

John takes Samuel & Rachel to a bar and the John & his partner "Carter" go in and grab some beer & asks Samuel is this the man, Samuel then says No.

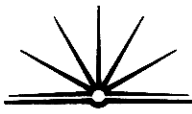


Radio - I believe Samuel's mother quotes "I don't like someone with a gun who goes around whacking people" near my son.

Peter - Yes, that as in the Amish community there is no violence no need for violence either.

Radio - How does Samuel eventually find whom the suspect murderer is?

Peter - Well, Samuel is at the police station, just waiting around as John is on the phone, Samuel looks around he sees a newspaper with the murder Mphoo he looks at the picture then looks at John Book John Book then hangs up quickly walks over to Samuel & Samuel points at Mphoo then Book signals Samuel to not say anything.



1810- Why does John Book stay with Amish family?

Refer- That is only temporarily as John had been shot & he had crashed his sister's car, so he stays with Amish till he recovers.

But ~~at~~ since the Amish family is against violence Book must hide his gun & put it somewhere safe.

Quote "Samuel must not touch the unloaded gun" Eli says.

At the end of the movie, Book overpowers the gun with strong speech to Schaffer & wins the battle between good & evil.