



My Life As McDull
(Hong Kong, 75 minutes)
Director: Toe Yuen
Study Guide

Synopsis

McDull was born dimwitted despite his mother's prayers for a handsome, smart son. There's no Dad around, so Mom has to make do alone. She continually prays for McDull's luck and life to change. However, his desires are simple. He wants to go to the Maldives. He wants turkey dinner for Christmas. He wants things that are beyond their means. *My Life As McDull* is steeped in a realistic, actual representation of Hong Kong, from the Peak Tram to the Welcome grocery stores. McDull and his mother may be animated pigs, but their lives are those of working class Hong Kong residents. The film is a charming, involving picture that epitomizes the irrepressible and happy-go-lucky spirit of Hong Kong.

Study Questions

- When did Hong Kong officially become part of China?
- What were the circumstances?
- As far as you know, how does life in Hong Kong differ from life in Mainland China?
- What holidays are celebrated in Hong Kong?
- What similarities are there with the ways that holidays are celebrated in the US?

Discussion Questions

- How does McDull feel about his mother?
- What do you think of her and her relationship to McDull?
- Why does McDull seek a Master?
- What is McDull's final philosophy on life?
- What images do you take away from the film about life in Hong Kong?