

“Wadjda”

“Wadjda” depicts the insular male dominated world of Saudi Arabia through the eyes of a high spirited 10 year old girl. One of the most endearing young persons to appear on screen, Wadjda has her heart set on a shiny new bicycle she spies on her way home from school. But she is a “only” a girl and the bicycle she yearns for might as well be on the other side of the moon. But unlike the adult women around her, Wadjda has yet to be conditioned to subservience and comes up with a bright idea.

What better way to earn money for a bicycle than to win first prize at her school’s annual version of a spelling bee - a contest in which she and her classmates have to answer ever more obscure questions on the Koran. Will this end run around the system work and will the bicycle be hers? No fair guessing. A true delight. (Amazon Prime)