

## MIDWAY (2019) — 4K Blu-ray Review

Roland Emmerich's take on the critical naval battle lacks nuance but excels in providing scope and perspective



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### Special Features and Extras

These extras are terrific, offering up an equal mix of featurettes focusing on both the film's production and the historical explorations.

#### 4K UHD / BLU-RAY / DIGITAL SPECIAL FEATURES

- **Audio Commentary by Roland Emmerich**
- **“Getting It Right: The Making of *Midway*” (14:16)**  
Feeling that prior film versions of the story haven't quite pulled off the story, the filmmakers discuss their intentions to craft an epic, historically reverent film.



- **“The Men of *Midway*”** (12:24)  
*Midway*’s cast and filmmakers discuss the characters, most of whom were either real historical persons, or based closely on real people.
- **“Roland Emmerich: Man on a Mission”** (4:57)  
*Midway* was a longtime passion project for Emmerich, who ended up creating it independently without the support of a major studio.
- **“Turning Point: The Legacy of *Midway*”**(15:00)  
This is the kind of supplement that’s usually missing — a short documentary exploring the historical aspects of the film’s true story.
- **“Joe Rochefort: Breaking the Japanese Code”** (6:14)  
Historians discuss Joseph John Rochefort, the cryptanalyst whose intelligence propelled the US to victory at Midway.
- **“We Met at Midway: Two Survivors Remember”** (9:29)  
Two surviving Midway veterans tell their stories.



When it comes down to it, I liked the film. *Midway* falls short of the incredible epic that I hoped for from Emmerich, and the blockbustery PG-13-ness certainly won't be confused with *Saving Private Ryan* (at first glance, my wife even thought the Blu-ray case was a video game). But there's absolutely room for these kinds of movies, especially for younger viewers, particularly because of my next point: not having read up much on the Battle of Midway, I actually learned a whole lot about the battle and its strategic importance and chronological placement in the history of the war, thanks to both the film and the disc's offering of supplements.