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Life of Pi

A peaceful journey to a new land takes a terrible turn when the ship that a young Indian boy, Pi, and his family are on starts to sink. Pi is lucky enough to make it to a lifeboat. However, that luck is mixed because the lifeboat already has a passenger -- a huge Bengal tiger. To save his own life, it looks like Pi will also have to risk it. Thus begins the story and new movie Life of Pi.

The film of the award-winning book Life of Pi is directed by Taiwan's Ang Lee. In fact, parts of the movie were filmed in Taichung and Kenting. Lee decided to film the movie in 3-D, but it wasn't just for big special effects. By using 3-D, he says he hopes to put the audience in the emotional space of the characters.

Lee's movie Life of Pi is based on a popular novel of the same name. Written by Yann Martel, the novel was turned down by several publishers at first. When it was finally published in 2001, it was a huge success. Not only did it become a best seller, but it also won the Man Booker Prize for Fiction and the Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature.

Perhaps Ang Lee sums up Life of Pi best when he says that it is "an adventure of hope, wonder, survival, spirituality, and faith." By bringing this moving story to the screen in 3-D, Lee has created a film that is a treat for the eyes and an adventure for the soul.