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## SYNOPSIS

Back in the 17th century, legendary musketeer d'Artagnan promised his sword to a 12-year old Dutch farmer boy who saved his life during the French occupation of the Netherlands. As d'Artagnan was killed in the historic battle of Maastricht, all he could leave to the boy were the sword's whereabouts in a mysterious letter. The luckless young heir of the sword and generations of his descendants tried to decipher the musketeer's code without success...

12-year old Isabel's grandfather Ber is one of these descendants, and his stubborn determination to find the legendary sword against all odds drove the whole family apart. When Ber is hospitalized with a broken leg, Isabel teams up with her cousin Rik and the castle owner's grandson Jules to continue Ber's quest. After all, the precious sword is the last chance to save her grandpa's debt-laden farm! In an exciting race against time, the kids break into the used car dump and into the historical archive, decipher antique maps, solve ancient riddles with modern technology, explore castles and caves and prove themselves in many adventures. When Jules is manipulated by his grandfather who has his own plans for the sword, conflicting loyalties almost split up the team. Will the three friends overcome all of these obstacles and fight for their goal like true musketeers – one for all, all for one?

BASED ON HISTORIC EVENTS – FINALLY THE TRUTH ABOUT D'ARTAGNAN'S LAST BATTLE IS REVEALED!




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## IMPORTANT FACTS

Genre ..... family adventure with historic background  
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 Director ..... Dennis Bots  
 Producer ..... Harro van Staverden, Elbe Stevens, David Jan Bijker  
 Composer ..... Fons Merkies  
 Script ..... Tijds van Marle and Karen van Holst Pellekaan  
 Production Company ..... Bijker Film & TV, Elbe Stevens Films  
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FROM THE AWARD-WINNING DIRECTOR OF "SECRETS OF WAR" AND "COOL KIDS DON'T CRY"

THE LEGENDARY SWORD OF MUSKETEER D'ARTAGNAN HAS BEEN LOST FOR CENTURIES –  
UNTIL 12- YEAR OLD ISABEL AND HER FRIENDS  
EMBARK ON AN EXCITING TREASURE HUNT,  
FOLLOWING MYSTERIOUS CLUES ...

## LONG SYNOPSIS

The year is 1673 and the hills of Limburg in the Dutch countryside are occupied by the French under King Louis XIV. While 12-year old Stas is struggling to protect his family and their farm from plundering French soldiers, the legendary musketeer d'Artagnan, leading commander of the French army, appears all of a sudden to defend the courageous boy with his beautiful sword. Deeply impressed, the boy asks the musketeer for the powerful weapon so that he can take care of his mother and younger siblings. Although d'Artagnan sympathizes with the fearless and persistent little fellow, it is not until Stas saves the musketeer's life that the boy is finally granted his wish – d'Artagnan promises to give his sword to him the next day after the battle.

However, d'Artagnan is killed in the historic battle for Maastricht so that his vow is never fulfilled. The sword is hidden by a relative of d'Artagnan's on his way to take the deceased to France, and all the boy receives is a letter confirming his ownership with a mysterious code leading to sword's hiding place. The year is 2015 and 12-year old Isabel arrives at the farm, now owned by her grandfather Ber who is Stas' great-great-grandson. Ber is hospitalized with a broken leg after a car accident, and Isabel's mom suspects right away that this had something to do with his obsession to retrieve the legendary sword, an obsession that has driven the whole family apart. Ber, however, feels that he has an accomplice in his adventurous granddaughter and secretly shares the recently found clue to the sword's hiding place with her. Finally his lifelong dream seems to be within reach!

All excited, Isabel embarks on the mission to solve the musketeer code and find the sword of d'Artagnan against her parents' will. When she hears that the heavily indebted farmhouse shall be put up for sale, her quest for the sword takes on another dimension: Knowing how devastated her grandfather would be about losing his home, she is hell-bent on saving his farm with the help of the precious musketeer heritage.

Determined to win this race against time, Isabel finds two allies who are infected by her enthusiasm. Her cousin Rik who doesn't seem to care about anything but cell phones and computers can't resist the thrill of a real adventure, plus he has a soft spot for his grandpa just like Isabel. Their team is completed by Jules, the charming foil-fencing champion and grandson of Fons, the Lord of the local castle who used to be an old friend of Ber's and shared his passion for the musketeers. Totally different in character, the threesome finds out they are a great team for going on an adventurous treasure hunt together. No fence or locked door can stop them, no map is too obscure for them, no cave too dark or dangerous.

But the kids aren't the only ones who have set out to find the sword of d'Artagnan. When Jules' grandfather uses their friendship to follow his own agenda with the help of a reckless art dealer, pushing Jules to put his allegiance to the family above his loyalty towards his friends, a moment of truth has come. Jules decides in favour of his friends, and like genuine musketeers they decipher the mysterious code, brave mortal danger in a gloomy cave and eventually resolve the quest for the legendary sword. In the end, Isabel has saved much more than her grandfather's farm. Finding the sword of d'Artagnan has reunited her family and forged a strong bond of trust and loyalty between the three friends. One for all, all for one!

LOYALTY, COURAGE AND DEDICATION:  
THE MUSKETEERS' VALUES NEVER GROW OUT OF TIME...

