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summary

Published in 1862, Victor Hugo's great novel, *Les Misérables*, has been the basis for numerous **media adaptations**. Most recently, it was released as a musical movie, which has **enjoyed strong ticket sales** worldwide and is the number one movie currently in Korea, with more than five million viewers as of late January. The story, which is also well-known in Korea, **is placed during the French Revolution** and tells the story of **ex-convict** Jean Valjean. **This adaptation's defining feature** is that the actors recorded all the songs live during filming rather than lip-syncing, catching the emotion of the moment more effectively. Also, the original songwriting team composed an additional song just for this movie. On the other hand, some of the actors were not originally **Broadway-trained**, so the quality of singing has been contended.

Les Misérables has been particularly popular in Korea given that **the timing of its release coincided with the presidential elections**. Supporters of defeated candidate can relate to the **revolutionaries** because they wanted to change the country's political environment but were **thwarted**. The **underlying theme** of hope in the midst of despair also **struck a chord** for many Koreans in their 20's and 30's. It cannot be denied that this movie has a powerful effect on its viewers, bringing consolation and renewing one's belief in humankind.

Key Words

1. 잠자리와 먹을 것을 제공하다 provide food and shelter
2. 촛대를 훔치다 take the candlesticks; steal the candlesticks
3. 경찰에 넘기다 turn him over to the police
4. 선행을 악행으로 갚다, 배은망덕 repay good with bad; bite the hand that feeds him
5. 구원을 경험하다 experience salvation
6. 권선징악 people receive their just desserts; people get what's coming to them; people get what they deserve; encourage the good and punish the bad
7. 힐링을 제공하다 have a healing effect on someone; provide consolation; give relief; give peace; comfort someone
8. 개봉 타이밍이 좋았다 the release of the movie came at a right time; came at a good time; the release was timely; the time was ripe
9. 혁명이 좌절되다 the revolution failed; people sacrificed their lives for nothing

More Key Words

1. 개작 adaptation
2. 흥행을 지속하고 있다 enjoy strong ticket sales
3. 프랑스 혁명을 배경으로 하고 있다 the story is place during the French Revolution
4. 전과자 ex-convict
5. 영화 버전 레미제라블의 가장 큰 특징 this adaptation's defining feature
6. 브로드웨이에서 훈련을 받은 Broadway-trained
7. 깔려 있는 주제 the underlying theme
8. 공감을 불러일으키다, 심금을 울리다 strike a chord