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Subject: kid movies.... Elephant and others  
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I view quite a few kid movies... not Cody Banks but serious films about kids such as Gus Van Sant's *Elephant* and another that comes to mind is "Thirteen". *Elephant* has a Palme d'Or from Cannes. *Thirteen* has nothing as far as I know. But I think *Thirteen* is a better film. A few more fit this category like one on drug abuse called "Spun." Another international film is "City Of God" about the seamier side of Rio. The list of these (even of current vintage) is quite a bit longer. But what struck me was the arrival of a new study about childhood in America called *Huck's Raft*. For a film that seems to take all its cues from the message of "Huck's Raft" which is "leave your kids alone so they can grow" my pick for the ideal (or best, whatever) film about growing up in America is Alan Arkush's "Detroit Rock City". I like this film so much I requested that my local library acquire it. And they did.

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