My first experience with animation

Since I remember been passionate about animation movies, *"My neighbor Totoro"* (by Studio Ghibli) is the best I've ever seen. I used to watch on a cassette video tape. The graphics amazed me and I could understand the story by context. It was in japanese with no subtitle, so I had to guess anyways.

Some years later, without watching the animation, I won a dvd of *"My neighbor Totoro"* in english version, with portuguese subtitles. The funny part was pretty much everything I remember of the movie, was twistted. So I decided to move on and keep the version that represents my childhood, so I kept it as a jewel of my child memories.

About "My neighbor Totoro"

The story is about 2 japanese girls, that live in a house full of tiny ashed spirits. The younger one is very curious, so one day she followed a rabbit, then found another 2 creatures that lead her to a giant cute beast. She became friend of it and interprets the roar as *"Totoro".* From this day on, both girls live a magic adventure with their new friends.

The day I became a Hayao Miyazaki fan

When I was 15 years, I guess, my mother's friend gave me a Ghibli Movies Collection. This day, my life changed. Until then, I've never noticed who made it or when it was animated.

I kept watching the movies one after another, and every animation was so similar but also so different and fascinating. The character had the same graphics, so each story could link with each other somehow. Even if it wasn't related, my mind kept connecting them.

Another funny fact is, after I watched all movies, my mom told me when I was a baby I loved to watch another one called *"Kiki's Delivery Service"* wich was not in the collection, but was made by the same studio.

I started to search about Studio Ghibli and Hayao Miyazaki (director of the studio), these days I was addicted to games, animes, RPG etc. So the mind blowing was the man was involved with so many things I loved, and I became a fan since then.