



Nicole Parker (left) and Laurel Holloman

YOUNG LOVE, LESBIAN STYLE

*At long last, lesbians have a movie to get excited about—
and nonlesbians can enjoy it, too*

by Kristine Chatwood

Falling in love for the first time is one of those universal experiences that cuts across all economic, racial and gender lines. In her movie *The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love*, writer and director Maria Maggenti captures that experience with all its sweetness, excitement and intensity.

This is the story of Randy Dean (Laurel Holloman) and Evie Roy (Nicole Parker), two

her boyfriend Hayjay (Andrew Wright) and Randy ending the affair she's been having with a married woman (Maggie Moore).

Maggenti tells her story well. We come to know Randy and Evie by seeing them not just with each other, but with their families and friends. Randy's Aunt Rebecca (Kate Stafford) struggles to support her family and provide a home for her niece. Evie's mother Evelyn (Stephanie Berry) is divorced, professionally successful, and having a very difficult time separating from her soon-to-be-off-to-college only child.

Although a little slow in the beginning, once it gets going this movie really rolls along. Certain scenes are sure to live on in memory.

It has been easy to criticize other lesbian movies. They are not well made. Their stories are so narrowly focused that only a handful of people can identify with the characters. They promote stereotypes. The story doesn't ring true. None of these criticisms applies to *The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love*.

Although this is a movie about lesbian love, it is first and foremost a movie about young love. It is a sweet, sweet story that will stir the memory of first love in all of us, lesbian and gay and straight. Maggenti has created that most amazing of stories—a story about queers that is really a story about everyone.

The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love opens in Portland on Friday, July 14, at KOIN Center Cinemas, Southwest Third Avenue and Clay Street. Call 225-5555, category 4608, for show times and prices.

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girls in their senior year of high school, and how they fell in love. Randy is the rebellious teen from the wrong side of the tracks, complete with bad grades, a job in a gas station, and a burning desire to play guitar in a rock 'n' roll band. Evie is a well-to-do honor student, beautiful and popular. They meet when Evie drives her Range Rover into the gas station where Randy works. Later, a chance meeting in the girls' bathroom at school results in a shared detention experience, and their romance begins.

All of the elements of teen love make an appearance in this movie. Notes are furtively exchanged at school. Friends disapprove of the relationship and some friendships are lost. Evie gives Randy a copy of Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*. Randy invites Evie over for dinner to the home she shares with her lesbian aunt and her aunt's lover. They think about each other all the time. Everything is fraught with meaning. They each leave other relationships—Evie dumping

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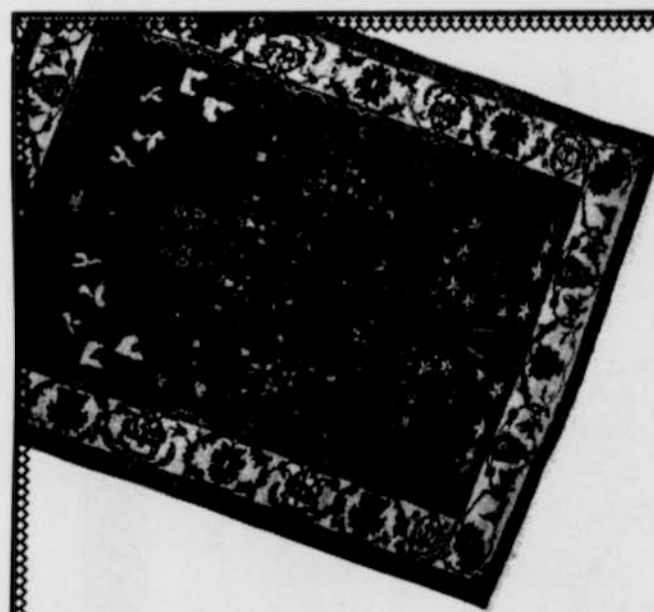
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