

## Hugh grants us lots of laughs

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Ah, typecasting at its finest. Hugh Grant starring in a romantic comedy that takes place in London. Immediately I figure this movie will go along the same lines as his others, like "Four Weddings and a Funeral" or "Notting Hill." Yet another sappy romance in which the main couple breaks up and gets back together seven times before they finally get hitched. And for the first 15 minutes of Universal Pictures' "About A Boy," I seemed to have been right with my assumptions. But by the end, I will admit I was somewhat wrong. "About A Boy" is the story of Will (Hugh Grant), a 36-year-old hip, fashion-savvy Londoner who does nothing for a living, but is rich because of the royalties from a one-hit wonder his father wrote. He dates quite a bit, but always ends up getting bored and breaking up with the women within weeks. Now almost 40, he is in search for not true love, but a woman who will in fact break

up with him. Will's counterpart is Marcus (Nicholas Hoult), a 12-year-old social outcast coping with his mother's depression and recent suicide attempt.

While Will is in search for his perfect woman, Marcus is simply looking for friends. The two come across one another when Will decides to join a social group for single parents. He has no children himself, but is hoping to find women who do not want long-lasting relationships. Instead he stumbles upon Marcus.

The two slowly become friends and in turn teach each other life lessons. Will learns what women really want, while Marcus learns how to deal not only with a suicidal mother but also with the torments of junior high school.

Throughout the movie, thoughts of the two main characters are narrated, and make for some hilarious one-liners. I found myself smiling, if not laughing, throughout the entire film, and the rest of the audience seemed to be in accord. A few parts in the movie even brought about eruptions of laughter. Not bad for a Hugh Grant movie.

Sadly, the basis of the plot is somewhat predictable. Of course, the end of this movie ends with everybody feeling warm and fuzzy inside.

While I usually deem that most romantic comedies are the Friday-night-stay-at-home-type (meaning they're not worth the \$8 they charge at the theaters), I would venture to say this one is different.

For comparison's sake, I'd say it's like "Big Daddy" with English accents, minus the adorable blond kid. Because it is more comedy than romance, a date is not needed at this film. I would actually advise not going with a date if you happen to snort or convulse while laughing, because the movie is funny. You will definitely laugh out loud, possibly more than once.

"About A Boy" is based on the book by Nick Hornby, who also wrote "High Fidelity." It is rated PG-13 due to a bit of foul language and will be released in theaters May 17.

**"About A Boy" opens in theaters everywhere May 17th**



Rachel Weisz, Hugh Grant and Nicholas Hoult star in "About A Boy," directed by Chris and Paul Weitz.

## Horoscopes

by Maggie Jirasek

### Aries (March 21-April 19th)

In the dark, all the horses look black. Remember these words as you go through your weekly chores and responsibilities. An old enemy might take you by surprise. Your magic chore of the week: washing dishes.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

It's time to get organized! Don't let chaos take over. This week, you will be surprised by a loved one. Don't forget to act surprised or you might hurt someone's feelings. Your magic chore of the week: dusting.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It's time for a change. Get rid of old habits and try something new. Visit a new restaurant, for example. Your fridge is way too empty. Your magic chore of the week: cleaning a fish bowl.

### Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You need to watch your wallet this week. Someone might try to rob you. Be alert and don't walk around by yourself in the middle of the night. Your magic chore of the week: getting the mail.

### Leo (July 23-Aug 22)

You might experience some car trouble this week. Don't drive like a crazy person, you are in danger of loosing your muffler. You will be

very creative this week. Your magic chore of the week: fixing your car.

### Virgo (August 23-Sept. 22)

Unwanted guests might visit you. Be friendly, even though you don't like them. Something is wrong with your shower curtain. Avoid public places this week or you might catch a cold. Your magic chore of the week: vacuuming.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Take a break for a while. You have been stressed a lot lately. You are running the danger of getting wrinkles if you don't slow down. A surprise is waiting for you. Your magic chore of the week: trimming the trees.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Do not make assumptions without checking the facts. Too much candy is not good for you. It's time to go to the dentist. Cavities are settling down. Your magic chore of the week: mopping the kitchen floor.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Things are a little bit frustrating right now. Don't worry, a wonderful thing will happen soon. So, don't forget to smile in the morning when you look in the mirror. Your magic chore of the week: walking the cat.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Now is the time to get revenge. You have been waiting long enough. Be careful though, someone knows your most secret secret. Your magic chore of the week: take out garbage.

### Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Someone important is trying to reach you. Stay near your phone. Maybe it's time to get a new job. Your magic chore of the week: painting the walls with a special brush.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You know you have to make a decision. There are things that are unsaid. Someone is waiting for an answer. Your magic chore of the week: cleaning the porch.

# COUGAR CAFE

Hrs: Mon.-Thurs.-7a.m.-6:30p.m.; Fri.-7a.m.-2p.m.; Sat.-8:30a.m.-10:30a.m.

**Wednesday**- Budget: Vegetarian Taco

**Special:** Taco Salad w/Turkey Verde

**Grill:** Chicken Quesadilla w/ Sour Cream and Salsa

**Thursday**- Budget: Roasted Stuffed tomatoes with Squash and Orzo

**Special:** Chicken and Dumplings

**Grill:** B.L.T. w/ Cheese and fried egg served with Jo Jo Potatoes

**Friday**- Budget: Cheese Tortellini with Sauce

**Special:** Fresh Cioppino w/Halibut, Mussels and Manila Clams

**Grill:** Grilled Tuna Melt w/ French Fries

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