

Blacklist Review of The Girl

Strengths: "The Girl on the Roof of the World" is a powerful and stirring script, all the more compelling for being based on true events. The characters always have our sympathy and our engagement as they try to navigate this difficult situation. Brinda faces one challenge and tragedy after another, and our heart is always with her. The script is frank, sometimes brutally so. It is clear what dangers Brinda is facing, and it does not shy away from portraying child sex trafficking in all its evil. This is a stirring story about good people, however. Daniel is a brave and tenacious hero, both sympathetic and compelling. The whole family has suffered a terrible loss, and they carry this tragedy around with them. This grief is a powerful driving motor. We don't get the impression that Brinda is there to replace Jake. Rather, this is a family with a lot of love to give, and it is appreciated, most of all by the new daughter in their life.

Prospects: "The Girl on the Roof of the World" is a striking script that could make for a powerful and affecting movie. The subject matter is topical and sometimes disturbing, but ultimately inspirational. The focus on international adoption and child sex trafficking brings to mind Garth Davis's "Lion" and "Sound of Freedom". Interest in the real events and people involved could be a draw. The settings are also a hook, as the audience is taken all over the world in this engaging story. Filming on location could present some challenges, but would also be more immersive and add to the appeal. The young actress playing Brinda could find a breakout role here.