

A wide-angle photograph of a natural landscape at sunset. The sky is a dramatic mix of deep blue, orange, and yellow, with wispy clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright glow over the water. In the foreground, there's a sandy beach with some low-lying green plants. A small, light-colored boat is beached on the right side. The background shows a dense line of evergreen trees. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and romantic.

Your Hand On My Face Is My Hand

A COMING-OF-AGE ROMANCE
A SIX-PART MINISERIES

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LOGLINE

A teenage artist, vacationing on a remote lake with his family, lusts after a remarkable woman more than twice his age. Turning the tables, she challenges him to a profound and frightening journey that opens his heart to genuine love and spirituality.

Call Me by Your Name meets Poor Things meets Siddartha.

SYNOPSIS

David (14), a spirited young artist, is stranded for the summer with his eccentric family on a remote lake. Kayaking several miles away, he discovers Vanessa (38), an unusual woman staying at an abandoned cabin. Across three summers, becoming more than friend, muse and model, Vanessa possesses a mysterious wisdom that challenges David to a profound journey of sexual-spiritual awakening.

Meanwhile, David's home life - a loving-raging father, aloof mother, and self-destructive kid brother - is highly challenging.

As David and Vanessa grow ever more deeply attached, she must break things off. Unbearable for David, he attempts to end his life. But after great soul-searching, he finds resolution in an encounter with another stranger.



A composite image. The left side shows a landscape at sunset with a large, colorful sky over a body of water and silhouetted evergreen trees in the foreground. The right side shows two men in a kitchen at night. One man, on the left, is shouting with his mouth wide open and hands on his hips. Another man, on the right, is also shouting. They are both wearing light-colored shirts and jeans. The kitchen has white cabinets in the background.

EPISODE ONE:

The Encounter

David explores existential questions, draws sophisticated self-portraits and is frustrated with family life. Kayaking way up the lake, he discovers a mysterious woman twice his age.

EPISODE TWO:

Love & Violence

David and Vanessa become unlikely friends, she models for him, and he dives deep into a passion for drawing. At home, David and his father have a violent fight.



EPISODE 3:

Muse, Model & Mystery

Obsessed with making love to Vanessa, David convinces her to model nude. Unexpectedly, her mysterious wisdom draws him into a spiritual journey. Meanwhile, David's kid brother sets fire to the neighborhood.

EPISODE FOUR:

Crashes & Crushes

David's brother (13) accidentally almost kills himself in a car crash. Meanwhile David explores relationships with girls his own age but cannot shake the obsession with the Lady of the Lake. Separated from Vanessa for a year, he struggles ferociously with the Lady

EPISODE 5:

Wild Tantric Arts

Vanessa inducts David (16) into her true calling, the ancient tantric arts, and leads him into a profound sexual awakening.

EPISODE 6:

Hero's Hell Journey

Vanessa realizes David is overly attached to her – and she to him - and breaks off their relationship. David explores suicide. After much soul-searching, he finds a resolution in an encounter with another stranger.



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MOODBOARD / VISUAL KEY





THE SETTING

LAKE LUCY IS A WILD, REMOTE LAKE IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA WITH ONLY THE FAMILY'S LARGE, BEAUTIFUL COTTAGE ON THE WATER'S EDGE AND VANESSA'S SMALL, ABANDONED CABIN TWO MILES AWAY.

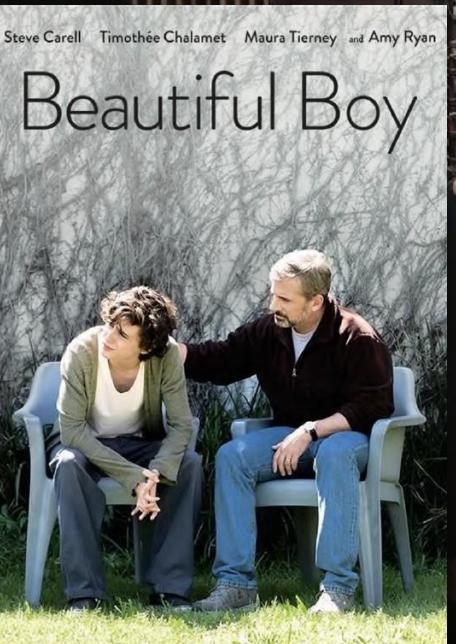
COMPARABLES

Coming-of-Age/Romance



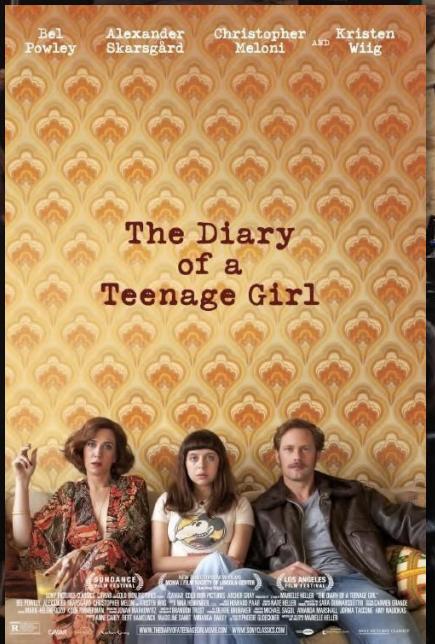
Poor
Things

2023



Beautiful
Boy

2019



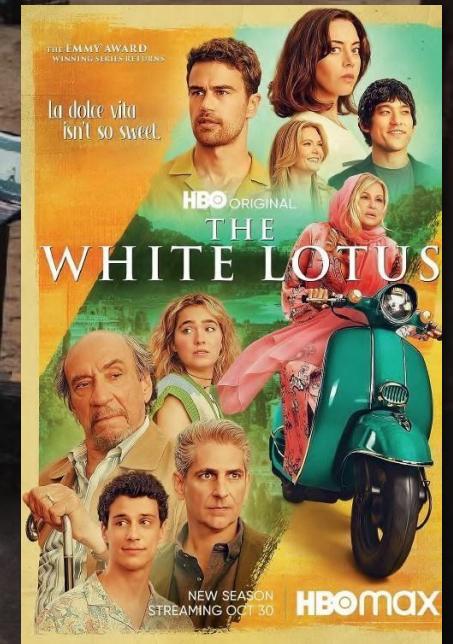
The Diary of a
Teenage Girl

2015



Call Me By
Your Name

2017



The White
Lotus

since
2021

SUGGESTED ACTORS

Coming-of-Age/Romance

DAVID

VANESSA

TOM



Nicholas
Crovetti

Sunny
Suljic

Oakes
Fegely

Jennifer
Aniston

Nicole
Kidman

Natalie
Portman

Paul
Giamatti

Javier
Bardem



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