

A scenic sunset over a calm lake. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The shoreline is lined with dense evergreen trees. In the foreground, a small, light-colored wooden boat is pulled up onto a gravelly shore, partially obscured by green bushes.

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 Siddhartha.

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.





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.

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

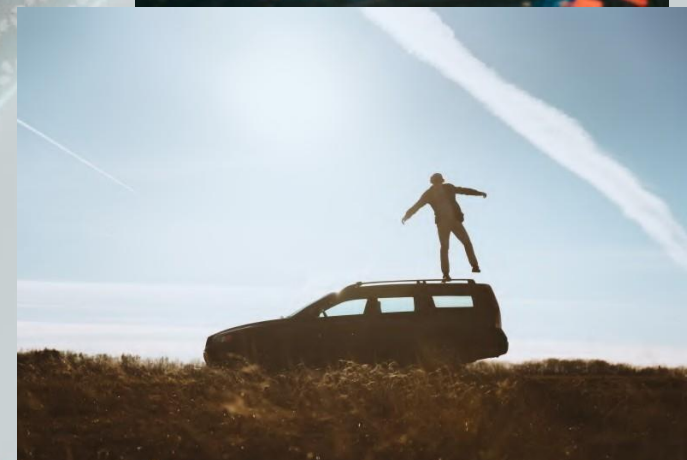
Vanessa realizes David is overly attached to her – and she to him - and breaks off their relationship. David explores suicide. After much soul-searching, he finds a resolution in an encounter with another stranger.



TONE



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.

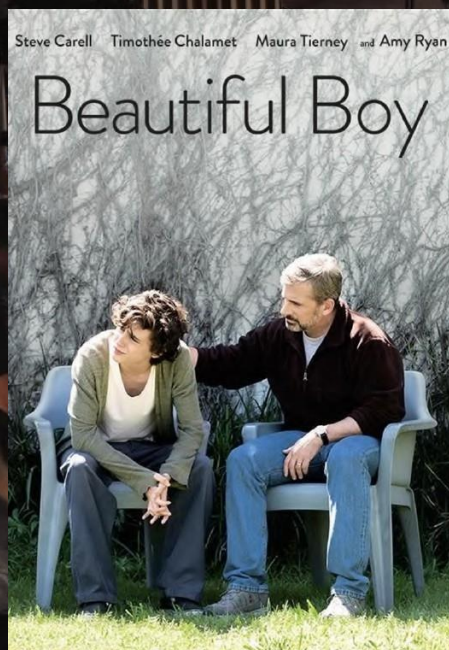
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Coming-of-Age/Romance



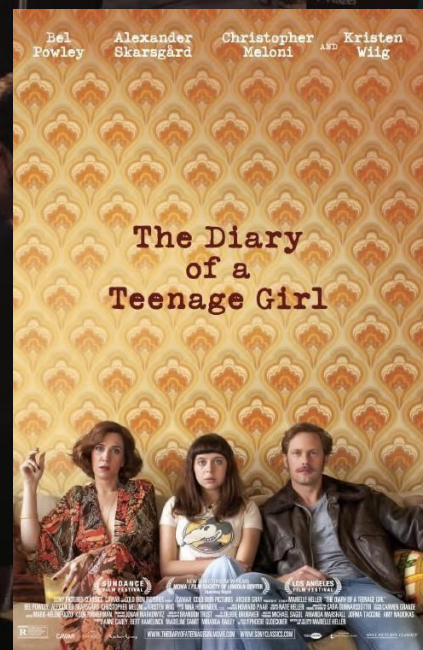
Poor Things

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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