

MovieReview

The Virgin Suicides

Main characters



Directed by
Sophia Coppola



The Virgin Suicides is an American movie directed by Sofia Coppola which was released in 1999. This film is based on the novel of the same name written by Jeffrey Eugenides and published in 1993. It is the first full-length feature film of Sofia Coppola which really debuts her career. Since she has realised other movies such as Marie-Antoinette in 2006 or Somewhere in 2010. The Virgin Suicides was produced by Sofia Coppola's father who is Francis Ford Coppola. He is also famous : he has realised The Godfather in 1972 and Apocalypse Now in 1979.

How The Virgin Suicides begin?

The movie is narrated by a man who explains that 25 years before a tragedy happened and that it has completely changed his life. He tells us all the memories about this tragedy. The plot begins in the 1970's in the Grosse Point in Michigan. In this quarter lived the mysterious family Lisbon, a really catholic family with the five Lisbon sisters, ages 13 to 17. Their parents are overprotective. The father is a mathematics teacher who works in the highschool where his daughters study. The five sisters are called Therese, Mary, Bonnie, Lux and Cecilia. There also is a group of neighborhood boys who are obsessed by the Lisbon sisters. Everything begins during the summer. Indeed, Cecilia, the youngest Lisbon daughter, slits her wrists in the bathroom but she survives. The doctor at the hospital recommends that she should be given a social outlet outside of school. So after this, Mr. and Mrs. Lisbon organise a party for Cecilia. All the sisters are reunited with the group of neighborhood boys and they are all happy. At a moment of the party, Cecilia asks to be excused and goes upstairs. Cecilia jumps out the window and kills herself by leaping from the second storey bedroom onto an iron fence post. She dies instantly. After Cecilia's suicide, Mr. and Mrs. Lisbon decide to watch over their four remaining sisters daughters even more closely. We follow with the boys of the neighborhood who search to know why Cecilia attempt the suicide and during this they follow also the life of the Lisbon sisters before their deaths.



My opinion and why you should see it?

I love this movie. It is clearly my favorite one. Indeed, I found the subject really interesting and this is a real good representation of the teenage years. In this movie Sofia Coppola brooches the subject of the overprotective parents and how much it can be harmful for the parents and their children. The aesthetic and the colors of the movie are magic and really inspiring. Sofia Coppola also chose a really good soundtrack that plays a big role in all of the movies but mainly in this one. The actors are amazing, like Kirsten Dunst who plays the role of Lux Lisbon. Kirsten played in another movie of Sophia Coppola. Indeed, in 2006 she plays the main character in Marie Antoinette. I recommend you this movie for all the reasons I told you before. Even if the subject is not happy at all this is a very touching movie. However, if you are still convinced of watch it, I have other reasons. Indeed, you have to watch it to increase your cinematic culture, to learn more about Sophia Coppola and to discover her if you haven't yet. Virgin suicides is one of the most famous movies she has made. It was positively greeted by the critic. Finally, it is a monument of the independent or indie cinema.