

Subject: Coming of Age Movie
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Whale Rider

I recently took my 13 year old granddaughter to see the movie "Whalerider". We loved it and she thought other young people, both boys and girls, would enjoy it.

It isn't yet available for rent but can be purchased online through Blockbuster. They have a good write-up about it on their website and you can also get other info, view pics and hear music on the movie website <http://www.whaleriderthemovie.co.nz/>

I would recommend it for a middle school or teen movie night or for use in a coming of age program. It would generate discussion about gender bias, how different cultures view girls and boys, cultural traditions regarding coming of age, relationships between generations, perseverance and others.

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