



She Is A Boy I Knew

Documentary: 70 minutes, 16:9
Year of production: 2007
Director: Gwen Haworth
Produced by: Shapeshifter Films
Versions: English



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Guaranteed to be the most compelling DIY, gender bending, feel good film directed by a transsexual you've seen all year.

A film about love, family & transsexuality.

Vancouver filmmaker Gwen Haworth documents her male-to-female gender transition partially through the voices of her anxious but loving family, best friend, and wife. Finding self-empowerment through self-representation, Haworth's feature debut is a comic, heartbreaking, and uplifting autobiography that breaks away from the marginalized depictions of transsexuals that populate mainstream media by focussing on a family whose bounds unexpectedly strengthen as they re-examine their preconceptions of gender and sexuality.

"Gwen Haworth creates an emotional space that engulfs the viewer in a way that's extremely rare in any film, whether fiction or non-fiction"

Kevin Griffin, The Vancouver Sun

"Honest, intelligent and absolutely clear-eyed. Unlike most autobiographical docu helmers, Haworth has a degree in filmmaking, and her thorough understanding of the medium results in a well-edited portrait smoothly interweaving talking heads with home movies while steadily moving forward both chronologically and emotionally. Humor is another unexpected plus, picked up on by brief animated segments ("How to Be a Girl," etc.) that provide just the right amount of leavening."

VARIETY

"Witty, brave, and vulnerable, Haworth gave us the most affecting and memorable documentary of the year."

Vancouver Magazine

The film was shown on dozens international film festivals and received numerous awards, among them:

Vancouver Int'l Film Festival 2007: Audience Award

Vancouver Int'l Film Festival 2007: Artistic Merit Award

Int'l Doc Fest Amsterdam 2007: Top 10 in the Volkskrant Audience Award

Cleveland International Film Festival

Runner Up - Greg Gund Memorial Standing Up Film Competition

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