

The Rocking Horse Winner

US : 1987 : dir. Peter Medak : Learning Corporation of America : c30 min
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International Film Guide 1978 comment:

"There is no doubt that LCA continues to lead the educational film field in terms of consistent quality, entertainment value, and sales effectiveness - and all this without becoming a multinational conglomerate in which the left hand knows not one whit of what the right hand is getting or spending!

There is a host of new product to choose from... **"THE ROCKING HORSE WINNER"**, directed by the competent Peter Medak, is an excellent half-hour version of the Lawrence short story about the boy whose rocking horse gives him the winners at a nearby racecourse. The sexual connotations of the boy's excitement, and the deep tensions that exist below the otherwise bland relationship with his parents, are well picked out by Medak."

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. The 1949 John Howard Davies version was dull and lifeless, a zillion light years away from sexual connotations, express or implied. Cowie's review suggests levels of meaning in the original story that were glossed over intentionally, and that may well be the case.

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