

The Runaways

US TV : 1975 : dir. Harry Harris : : 78 min
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:
[Josh Albee](#)
 Dorothy McGuire; Van Williams; John Randolph; Neva Patterson; Lenka Peterson

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Speelfilm Encyclopedie review:

“Striking family drama about an unhappy teenage orphan and a leopard escaped from a zoo. Good performances; from Victor Cannings' sentimental novel. **GOOD**”

Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89
 review:

“TV film about a young boy’s friendship with a runaway leopard. **”

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "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"]

Radio Times review:

“The runaways are a young boy and his leopard chum in this sweet TV family film. Pleasantly done in all departments: Dorothy McGuire and John Randolph among the actors, Harry Harris directs. From the Victor Canning novel. ***”

"Family drama starring Dorothy Maguire [sic]. A teenage boy runs away after being accused of theft, and befriends an escaped leopard."

“ **"THE RUNAWAY"** [sic] tells of a teenage boy who runs away from home and manages to befriend a young leopard.”

No further information currently available. It's a little irritating when the *Radio Times* listing can't even get the name of the film or the leading actress right. In "**JEREMIAH JOHNSON**" (72), [Josh Albee](#) played an orphan of 9 or 10 struck mute by the indian massacre of his family. He starred as "**TOM SAWYER**" in a TV movie the next year, with Jeff Tyler as Huck.

Disney's "**A TIGER WALKS**" (63) concerned another big cat escaped from a circus, but loathe to devour trusting kiddies while on camera; in "**ZEBRA IN THE KITCHEN**" (65) Jay North turned a whole zoo loose to rescue his pet mountain lion, and more recently "**CHEETAH**" (86) saw two L.A. teenagers in Kenya adopting a cheetah cub and *still* not managing to get ravened up.

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