

Away from her

Director: Sarah Polley
2006 (109')



Based on a short story by the Canadian writer Alice Munro, *Away From Her* is the debut film of fellow Canadian Sarah Polley. It is the poignant story of a couple whose long life and love together of over forty years is being forgotten and reinforced at the same time. Fiona's memory is rapidly fading and Grant, her devoted and increasingly heartbroken husband, is being lost to her. Never wanting to be "away from her " his love is defined in a final, beautiful act.

Vocabulary and expressions:

Take somebody up on something: Accept somebody's offer; agree to a proposition

I took her up on it

To wander around: To walk around without having any destination in mind

To make up your mind: Decide; come to a decision

I've already made up my mind

Brand new / Brand spanking new: Completely new

A charmer: A person who charms or greatly pleases another through an attractive quality that they possess

He's a real charmer.

To settle in: To become comfortable in new surroundings, e.g. a new home or town

As happy as a clam: Very happy and content

To cut class: To not go to a lesson at school that you should go to

We would cut class at school

Not up to much: Not very good; of a poor standard

The coffee is not up to much here.

To have a nap: Have a short sleep during the day

Aubrey is having his nap.

To leave someone high and dry: To abandon someone and leave them without financial support

The company left us high and dry

Off the hook: Free from responsibility or blame for something

Pretty much: More or less

That pretty much takes him off the hook

A jerk: A fool or idiot

What a jerk!

To forsake: To abandon or give up completely

You could just have driven away and forsaken me

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