



BOUND BY LOVE, TORN BY FATE
A FILM BY MARIA PETERS

SONNYY BOY



BASED ON THE BESTSELLER SONNYY BOY BY ANNEJET VAN DER ZIJL

SHOOTING STAR FILMCOMPANY PRESENTEERT IN COPRODUCTIE MET KRO, MENUËT EN ESTER.REGLIN.FILM "SONNYY BOY" MET RICKY KOOLE EN SERGIO HASSELBAINK
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY WALTHER VANDEN ENDE KOSTUUM ONTWERP BHO ROOSTERMAN-VROEGEN MAKE-UP JOAN TJON A HIE PRODUCTION DESIGN JAN RUTGERS
GELUID RENE VAN DER BERG SOUND DESIGN WIM POST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MYRNA VAN GILST FIRST ASSISTANT MICHIËL COLLENTÉUR CASTING MARINA WIJN
VISUAL EFFECTS HECTIC ELECTRIC MONTAGE OT LOUW MUZIEK HENNY VRIJNTEN SCENARIO PIETER VAN DE WATERBEEMD & MARIA PETERS PRODUCTIE SURINAME NINA JURNA
PRODUCTIELEIDING MENDY POST UITVOEREND PRODUCENT PETER JAN BROUWER COPRODUCTENTEN DIRK IMPENS, TORSTEN REGLIN, ROSWITHA ESTER, BRIGITTE BAAKE
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Based on the acclaimed bestseller by Dutch author Annejet van der Zijl, SONNY BOY is the exceptional based on true facts love story between two apparently ordinary people: typical Dutch Rika, mother of 4 children and a 17 years younger colored guy from Surinam called Waldemar. Their love survives all the presumptions and obstructions of the sometimes cruel outside world, but finally is unable to cope with the brutal and devastating power of the war.

In 1928, young Waldemar leaves his homeland Surinam. He goes to Holland to study. That's why his mother calls him an 'oceanswimmer'. In Holland, he's confronted with curiosity and misfortune because of discrimination, until he meets Rika, just divorced (with four children) who runs a boarding house.

They ultimately fall in love. The showpiece their hidden love is a young boy, whom they call 'Sonny Boy'.

Because of this, Rika loses custody of her other four children and is thrown out of her house. With the help of Sam, an aged Jewish artist, they find a new home and again Rika starts a boarding house. After a period of relative happiness the volcano of World War 2 erupts...

Rika and Waldemar are being asked hide refugees and Jews in their boarding house. They do so, until they are

betrayed. Both Rika and Waldemar are sent to German Concentration Camps, while little Sonny Boy hides in a farm in the country.

Little Sonny Boy survives the war, but loses his parents... 'When there are grey skies, I don't mind the grey skies, you make them blue Sonny Boy...'

Biography/Filmography Maria Peters

Born: March 30th 1958
Education: Dutch Film Academy (graduated in 1983)
Career: Partner in Shooting Star Filmcompany (est. 1987)

Feature Film Director:

1995 The Purse Snatcher
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Director Maria Peters
Producer Hans Pos, Dave Schram
Screenplay Maria Peters,
Pieter van de Waterbeemd
Director of photography
Walther vandenende
Sound engineer Rene van den Verg
Sound design Wim Post
Music Henny Vrienten
Editor Ot Louw

Cast

Ricky Koole (Rika)
Sergio Hasselbaink (Waldemar)
Marcel Hensema (Willem)
Frits Lambrechts (Sam)
Misha Hulshof (Marcel)
Gaité Jansen (Bertha)

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