

On My Own

(Italian title unknown)

Italy / Australia / Canada : 1992 : dir. Antonio Tibaldi :

: 93 min

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[Matthew Ferguson](#)

Judy Davis; David McIlwraith; Nicolas Van Burek; Michele Melega; Colin Fox; Jan Rubes

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Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001 review:

"Complex, deeply felt, hauntingly powerful coming-of-age drama about 15-year old Ferguson, who attends a boys' prep school. His parents are divorced; he's physically and emotionally distanced from his father, and learns that his mother (Davis, who is superb) is a schizophrenic. The scenario details how he is affected by her illness, her personality, and her fate. ***½"

Excerpt from **Radio Times** review:

".. the burden of carrying the action falls on Matthew Ferguson as [Judy Davis'] 15-year old son, who, nevertheless, adequately conveys the confusions that cost him the school goalkeeping record and disrupt his relationships with his friends."

[no listing in "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Moving Picture Boy", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Nothing else is known of Matthew Ferguson. Schizophrenia – though certainly common enough in the Western population, with all the stresses and disjunctions of contemporary living – is a subject still faintly tabu, and far, far less commonly treated in cinema than autism, Alzheimers or AIDS. In vaguely comparable titles in the archive, sons or daughters must cope with alcoholic mothers, prostitute mothers, drug addicted mothers, and even stone dead mothers, but this is the only title of its kind I'm presently aware of.

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