

The Virgin Suicides

US : 2000 : dir. Sofia Coppola : 97 min
 prod: : scr: Sofia Coppola : dir.ph.:
[Kirsten Dunst](#)
 James Woods; Kathleen Turner; Hannah Hall; Chelse Swain [sic]; A.J. Cook; Leslie Hayman;
 Josh Hartnett; Michael Paré; Scott Glenn; Danny DeVito; Hayden Christensen
 Narrated by Giovanni Ribisi

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Source: Barbican Screen Guide

Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001 review:

"In 1970s suburbia four lovely sisters head toward a sorry fate as a quartet of lovely neighbourhood boys become obsessed with them. First-time writer-director Coppola adapted Jeffrey Eugenides' novel, but for all its atmosphere and good performances (especially Woods and Turner as the girls' uptight, over-protective parents) it never quite comes together¹. **½

¹ Hint: I added one of the "lovely"s myself. Can you guess which one though?

Barbican Screen Guide review:

"Set in a Michigan suburb in the early 1970's the story follows a quirky high school maths teacher (Woods), his rigid religious wife (Turner) and their five teenage daughters. Any illusion of normalcy is shattered when the narrator announces that the youngest was the first to go.. Told through the recollections of the boys who knew the sisters, the film takes us through the lead up to the suicide of one of the girls."

"A wonderful gem ... magical"

- Sky Magazine

"Sublimely poetic, heartbreakingly funny .. an
exquisite debut up there with "AMERICAN
BEAUTY"
- Uncut

No further information currently available. Sofia Coppola, daughter of Francis Ford, was the selfsame daughter eviscerated by the critics for her performance as Pacino's daughter in "**THE GODFATHER PART III**" (1990). She was also the baby being baptised at the end of "**THE GODFATHER**".

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