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(2014) 88 min., B&W. Jan Ole Gerster's wry and vibrant feature debut A Coffee in Berlin, which swept the 2013 German Oscar Awards, paints a day in the life of Niko, a twenty-something college dropout going nowhere fast. Niko lives for the moment as he drifts through the streets of Berlin, curiously observing everyone around him and oblivious to his growing status as an outsider. Shot in timeless black and white and enriched with a snappy jazz soundtrack, this slacker dramedy is a love letter to Berlin and the German Y experience. (Not rated, but if rated would be R. Contains strong adult language and sexual situations.)
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THE FOREST FOR THE TREES
(2006) 81 min., Maren Ade. Melanie leaves home to become a teacher, armed with alternative methods and bright-eyed optimism. Soon enough, though, storm clouds begin to form: tortured by her students and rejected by her colleagues. There's no comfort in her personal life, either. Melanie orchestrates a "chance meeting" with her attractive neighbor and begins to insinuate herself into her neighbor's life.
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Billed as German "Band of Brothers" the blockbuster miniseries Generation War vividly depicts the lives of five young German friends forced to navigate the unconscionable moral compromises of life under Hitler. Level-headed, highly decorated officer Wilhelm goes off to the eastern front with his sensitive younger brother Friedhelm. Deeply in love with Wilhelm is Charlotte, a young nurse who looks forward to serving in the Red Cross. Greta is a talented singer who longs to become another Marlene Dietrich, while her Jewish boyfriend Viktor fights for his life while hiding among members of the Polish Resistance. (Contains brief sexuality, occasional adult language, and very graphic war scenes.)
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GOOD BYE LENIN! (2003) 121 min., Wolfgang Becker, R.
Alex's deeply socialist mother has a heart attack and falls into a coma after seeing her son arrested during a street protest against the German Democratic Republic. Drastic changes occur during her sleep as the wall comes down, the GDR falls and capitalism enters Berlin. When his mother wakes up, Alex tries to keep the changes secret, knowing the shocking truth may send her back into a coma.
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MARX & COCA COLA 120 min.
When he has car trouble Martin Barwald takes refuge at the farm of Anna Endrich, former FDJ youth leader, who's standoffish and sarcastic. They share a bumpy road for the next few months and discover ideologies don't crumble as easily as walls. Reveals the heartaches and triumphs of reunification after the fall of the Berlin Wall.
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Real-life drama, set in Munich during the  
waning days of the Nazi regime. As a member  
of the White rose resistance group, Scholl and  
her brother risk their lives to distribute sub- 
versive pamphlets to students at Munich  
University.  
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS
(2014) 110 min. Fourteen-year-old Maria is a fundamentalist  
Catholic, living her life in a  
modern fashion, yet her heart  
belongs to Jesus. She wants to  
be a saint and go to heaven. No  
one, not even a nice boy she  
meets, can stop her in this goal.  
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THE STRANGE LITTLE CAT
(2013) 72 min. In The  
Strange Little Cat, an  
extended family-dinner  
gathering becomes an  
exquisitely layered confection ready for razor-sharp  
slicing. A mother desper- 
ately trying not to implode and  
her youngest daughter who  
explodes constantly form  
poles between which sons  
and daughters, aunts and  
uncles, cats and cousins  
weave in and around each  
other in the tight domestic  
space of a middle-class  
Berlin flat. (Not rated, but  
if rated would be G.)  
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In this mysterious and riveting tale of survival,  
Martina Gedeck (The Lives of Others) stars as a  
woman who finds herself inexplicably cut off from  
all contact by an invisible,  
unyielding wall surrounding  
her lodging in the  
beautiful Austrian country- 
side. Accompanied by  
her loyal dog, Lynx, she  
becomes immersed in an  
unpredictable Walden- 
esque world governed  
solely by the laws of  
nature. (Not rated, but if  
rated would be PG-13.)  
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it overtakes the entire 
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IN LOVE
Germany 1772- the young and tumultuous  
Johann Goethe aspires to 
be a poet; but after failing 
his law exams, he is sent 
by his father to a sleepy 
provincial court to mend 
his ways. Unsure of his 
talent and eager to prove 
himself, Goethe soon 
wins the praise and 
friendship of his superior 
Kestner. But then Lotte 
enters his life and nothing 
is the same as before. 
(Brief strong language 
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SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE WALL
(1992) 88 min.
In 1986, Ross McElwee and Marilyn Levine were making a film about the 25th anniversary of the Berlin Wall, when the imposing structure was still very much intact as the world's most visible symbol of hardline Communism and Cold War lore. But in 1989, as the original film neared completion, the Wall came down, and McElwee and Levine returned to Berlin, this time to capture the radically different atmosphere of the reunified city. German subtitles.
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