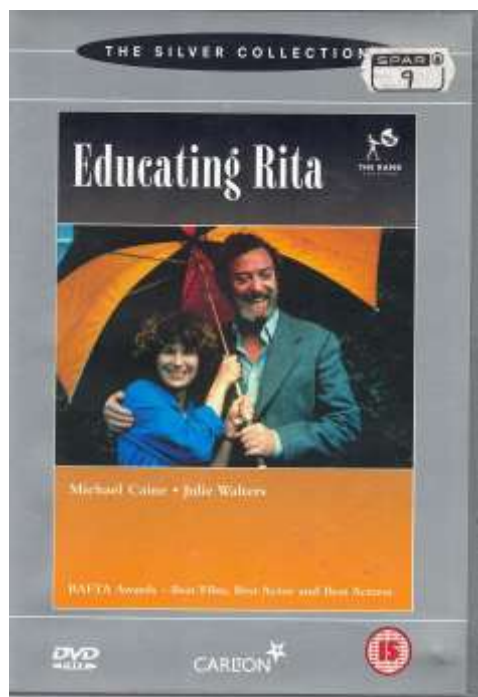


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Title: **Educating Rita**



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Educating Rita

Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Lewis Gilbert
Screenplay by	Willy Russell
Based on	<i>Educating Rita</i> by Willy Russell
Produced by	Lewis Gilbert
Starring	Michael Caine Julie Walters
Cinematography	Frank Watts
Edited by	Garth Craven
Music by	David Hentschel
Production company	Acorn Pictures
Distributed by	Rank Film Distributors
Release dates	16 June 1983 (United Kingdom) 28 October 1983 (United States)
Running time	110 minutes
Country	United Kingdom
Language	English
Budget	£4 million ^[1]
Box office	\$14.6 million (US) ^{[2][3]}

Information

Release Title: Educating Rita 16th June 1983 (United Kingdom)

From:

AKA:

Release date: UK

Origin: United Kingdom

Genre: Comedy-drama

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: 15

Duration: 1h 50m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

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Languages: English,

Filming Locations: University Philosophical Society, Graduates' Memorial Building, Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin, College Green, Dublin, County Dublin, Ireland (tutorial room where Frank lectures)

Sound mix: Mono

Aspect ratio: 1:85:1

Colour: PAL

Storyline

Susan (who initially calls herself Rita), a 26-year-old working-class hairdresser, is dissatisfied with the routine of her work and social life; she is reluctant to have a child, fearing it will tie her to the same monotonous routine for life, and she yearns to escape to something more profound, without exactly knowing what that is. She seeks to better herself by signing up for and attending an Open University course in Literature.

Susan's assigned Open University tutor, Frank Bryant, is jaded and has long ago openly taken to the bottle, describing himself as "an appalling teacher". Bryant's passion for literature is rekindled by Rita, whose technical ability for the subject is limited by her lack of education but whose enthusiasm Frank finds refreshing. Frank initially has misgivings about Rita's ability to adapt to student culture, but is impressed by her verve and earnestness and is forced to re-examine his attitudes and position in life; Susan finds Frank's tutelage opens doors to a bohemian lifestyle and a new self-confidence.

Frank's bitterness and cynicism return as he notices Susan beginning to adopt the pretensions of the university culture he despises. Susan becomes disillusioned by a friend's attempted suicide and realises that her new social niche is rife with the same dishonesty and superficiality she had previously sought to escape. The film ends as Frank, sent to Australia on a sabbatical, welcomes the possibilities of the change.

Cast

Michael Caine as Dr. Frank Bryant
Julie Walters as Susan "Rita" White
Michael Williams as Brian
Dearbhla Molloy as Elaine
Jeananne Crowley as Julia, Frank's girlfriend
Malcolm Douglas as Denny White, Rita's husband
Godfrey Quigley as Rita's father
Patricia Jeffares as Rita's mother
Maeve Germaine as Sandra, Rita's sister
Maureen Lipman as Trish, Rita's roommate
Gerry Sullivan as Security Officer
Pat Daly as Bursar
Kim Fortune as Collins
Philip Hurdwood as Tiger
Hilary Reynolds as Lesley
Jack Walsh as Price
Christopher Casson as Professor
Gabrielle Reidy as Barbara
Des Nealon as Invigilator
Marie Connee as Customer in Hairdressers
Oliver Maguire as Tutor
Derry Power as Photographer
Alan Stanford as Bistro Manager

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:PG Australia:NRC (original rating) Canada:R (Ontario) Finland:K-8 France:Tous publics
Iceland:L India:U Italy:T Malaysia:U New Zealand:PG Norway:12 Peru:14 Portugal:M/12 Singapore:PG Sweden:7
United Kingdom:15 United Kingdom:15 (DVD rating) United States:PG (certificate #26943) West Germany:12 (f)

Sex & Nudity

Mild

Violence & Gore

None

Profanity

Moderate

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Mild

MPAA Rated R for some strong graphic violence, pervasive strong language and brief nudity and sexuality

