

# BLUE LIES,

Aust, 2008, 80min, M, Drama, 16x9 (M)

Written, directed and produced: Gerald Lawson.

Stars: Emily Stewart, David Yarrow, Andrew Stokes, Derek Fisher, Rod Ansell, Alison Cox, Barry Shepherd.

Filmed around Newcastle, NSW.

IMDB Score -

FVFS review panel voted 3 ½ stars (out of 5)

Blue Lies is the intriguing story of Stephanie McLean (Stewart), a young police graduate and daughter of respected doctor (Yarrow).

When asked to investigate a seemingly minor incident, she finds herself on a fateful and dangerous path that leads unavoidably back to her own father and the secrets that threaten to unravel the family. The father (well portrayed by Yarrow) finds that a single indiscretion can lead to a multitude of problems, especially when he tries to keep the past a secret, and offers to help don't always work out for the best.

A great little film. Where has this director been hiding? And where can we get his first film, "Little Lies"?

The situation that Dr McLean finds himself in is one that comes about so simply but which grows in complexity as the film progresses. How one simple lie can lead to such a web of intrigue!

I found the film a little self-conscious at first, with "knowing glances: and slick editing which seemed to be overly synchronised with the dialogue, but once the film was into its story it was intriguing and enjoyable – although it held no real surprises. I guess the inevitability of the growing web of deceit is the real thrust of the film.

The fortuitous solution to the major threat in the film was perhaps a bit of a "cop-out" (pun intended) and the film seemed to be just clearing up loose ends from there on. Script and acting was generally of a high standard although let down occasionally by some of the minor characters.

Overall, I feel it is easily as good as many of the Australian films up for AFI Awards this year. Recommended.

Certainly worth a look if you liked Lawson's McLean's Money.



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