

WHIP IT

Comedy/drama



An indie-rock loving misfit finds a way of dealing with her small-town misery after she discovers a roller derby league in a town nearby.



Directed by Steven Spielberg and Drew Barrymore

Promise! ... the film is so much better than the plot makes it sound!

This film is based on a semi-autobiographical novel by Shauna Cross, who accurately evokes the female camaraderie and the strenuous training it takes to just stay in the roller derby game. This is not a sport that usually gets much attention.

Bliss lives in a tiny, patriarchal town out in the boondocks and after leaving school the best job she could find was as a waitress in café called "The Oink Joint". It seems to dispirited Bliss that her life will be over before she even leaves her teens.

Then she discovers the roller derby game and her life changes!

Rated: PG13 (L)

Length: 1½ hours

Starring: Ellen Page, Marcia Gay Harden, Juliette Lewis, Drew Barrymore



What they say?

This film "clicks" on so many levels. It's a heartwarming family story - a rough & tumble display of girl power and, a secondary but tender and convincing romance.

Drew Barrymore knows films - she's been doing it all her life - and this may look lightweight and simple, but the way the camera tells the story is excellent - it is all well-composed and supported by a tip-top script and a great cast.

This is classic Hollywood comedy. "Whip It" is another crowd pleaser to add to this year's must-see list.