

I AM A GIRL

MOVIEKIT FOR AMERICAN SPACES

This Moviekit is designed for programming at American Spaces. American Spaces should work with their Public Affairs Sections to ensure that this movie is appropriate for American Spaces audiences.

Caution: This movie contains adult themes.



FILM INFORMATION

Year Release: 2013

Rating: NR

Duration: 88 min

English Level: Intermediate

Director: Rebecca Barry

Starring: Breani, Kimsey, Katie,

Aziza, Manu, Habiba

Themes: Women's Equality,

Human Rights

Kanopy Link*:

<http://bit.ly/knpylGrI>

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MOVIE CONTEXT

I am a Girl is an inspirational documentary that paints a clear picture of what it means to be a girl in today's complex world. Although girls make up one quarter of the world's population, they still face significant discrimination in comparison to other groups.

This documentary provides a compassionate look at six teenage girls from different countries. We meet 14-year-old Kimsey from Cambodia, forced into prostitution at 12; Aziza from Afghanistan, who will be shot if she goes to school; Breani, a teen living in a ghetto of New York City; Katie from Australia, who is recovering from a suicide attempt; Habiba from Cameroon, betrothed to a man 20 years her senior; and Manu from Papua New Guinea, about to become a mother at 14. As they come of age in the way their culture dictates, we see remarkable heart warming stories of resilience, bravery and humor.



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KEY VOCABULARY

Open-minded – Willing to consider new ideas, unprejudiced

Depression - Feelings of sadness, unhappiness, and sorrow.

Human Trafficking - The recruitment, transportation, harboring, or receipt of persons by improper means (such as force, abduction, fraud, or coercion) for improper purposes including forced labor or sexual exploitation.

Safe Sex - Sexual activity in which people take precautions to protect themselves against sexually transmitted diseases

Social Networking - The practice of expanding the number of one's business and/or social contacts by making connections through individuals, often through social media sites

Taliban - A fundamentalist group in Afghanistan condemned for its support of terrorist groups and its poor treatment of women.



Discussion Questions

- *What did you like best about this documentary?*
- *Which of the girls' stories affected you most? Why?*
- *What common challenges did the all girls share?*
- *Do you know girls who face similar challenges?*
- *What are the biggest challenges that girls face in your country? What can you and your community do to help?*

Additional Resources

ShareAmerica Articles

- [10 Reason to Invest in Girls](#)
- [Giving a Million Girls Their Days Back](#)
- [16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Toolkit](#)