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77 Heartbreaks (2017)

An affectional and thought-provoking film about love

Rating: ★★☆☆☆

Suitable for: couples

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This film is based on Erica Li's novel of the same name. It is produced by Emperor Motion Pictures and directed by Herman Yau.

The film takes place in Hong Kong and the leading actors are Charlene Choi and Pakho Chau. Choi plays Eva and Chau plays Adam.

It is about the couple Eva and Adam who work in a legal firm. They have been dating for more than a decade. However, they break up because of a trivial matter. They have separated and come together many times. In fact, Adam has relationship with his student, Mandy. She finds a diary at Adam's home which is about 77-heartbreak records written by Eva. Reading the diary like going through her pain and sadness again. When the diary is finished, it's time for the owner of the diary to let go.

Later, Adam reads the diary and feels guilty. He then realizes that he cannot forget Eva. He brings an apology to Eva in public. Eva's heart melts when Adam kneels in front of her. The two get back again. However, when Eva finds the belonging of Mandy at Adam's home, will she forgive him for the 78th time?

How many heartbreaks do a woman realize a relationship is over? I think this film is ironic indeed. Many young men in Hong Kong are 'kidults'. Dating with them means taking care of them who are like big children. Although the film shows that it's great to forgive, well, is it worth?

This film is not a romance but also is critical of true love. There is never a dull moment, but only some parts that make you feel sad. While I was watching it, I cried. It is recommended for couples to watch it.