



Layla M.

Original title: Layla M.

Layla is an 18-year-old girl, born and raised in Amsterdam. She is smart, witty and stubborn - and of Moroccan descent. During the constant terrorist threats, Layla struggles with the increasing suspicion towards girls with headscarves and boys with beards that she witnesses every day. While her frustration grows, her faith intensifies. Eventually, she joins a group of Muslims who fight to practise Islam. She posts films online depicting the horrors in Syria and Gaza and makes political flyers while also flirting with the charismatic Abdel. When she and her peace-loving brother are arrested by the police Layla, feeling hurt and isolated in her anger and in conflict with her parents, is left with only one option: to leave home. She chooses marriage with Abdel. After their wedding, they roam the country together, performing 'missionary work' and raising money for the good cause. But after they narrowly escape a raid by the Belgian police on a group of young jihadists, they have to flee to the Middle East.

CREDITS

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CAST: Nora El Koussour
EDITING: Dorith Vinken
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TECHNICAL SPECS

RUNNING TIME: 98'
ASPECT RATIO: 2.40:1
SOUND FORMAT: 5.1 (+ sub)
RELEASE FORMAT: DCP
COLOUR: Colour

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CREATION DETAILS

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co-production
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