April 22, 2018 - "Call Me by Your Name"

This is an excellent movie which explores with great sensitivity Elio's journey as he discovers his attraction for another man.

In 1980s Italy, a friendship develops between Elio, a 17-year-old and Oliver, a 24-year-old American college graduate student hired by Elio's father as his summer research assistant.

As summer and their friendship progress, Elio and Oliver become more intimate both physically and emotionally. Oliver gently helps Elio in his journey of discovering his sexuality. Oliver tells Elio, "Call me by your name and I'll call you by mine".

At the end of the summer, when Oliver goes back home, Elio is devastated.

Elio is gifted with parents who are understanding and accepting. In a conversation between father and son, Elio's father tells him that he was aware of Elio's affair with Oliver. He confesses to having come close to his own love affair with a friend in his youth, and urges Elio to treasure his memories of Oliver, since true love of the kind Elio and Oliver shared is rare.

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