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The Reluctant Fundamentalist

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Based on a bestselling book of the same name, "**The Reluctant Fundamentalist**" is an absorbing look at a post 9/11 milieu. Away from the standard Hollywood fare of instilling fear and chaos related to terrorists and terrorism comes a movie that reveals the life beyond the obvious plot lines.

An interview between an American journalist and a Pakistani professor is where the book, and then the film, certainly finds its feet. Discussions (apt with Syria waiting for the world to respond) about terrorism and the 'love for the homeland' are tackled throughout and feel totally believable. The story follows an unusual anti-hero trapped in a developing international crisis. Spanning from America to Pakistan and all the way back again the film, directed by Mira Nair ("Monsoon Wedding"), makes you hold your breath. And so, when an American gets kidnapped - our main man is of course implicated. The story told by young professor, including his climb up up up on Wall Street and sexy as ever love affair with an artist in Manhattan, the truth about life and terrorism suddenly feels muddled and perplexing.

Deliberation and truth make love, and so does this film all over the screen.



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The special features on the disc include a section on the Making Of the film and the trailer. The film, starring Riz Ahmed, Liev Schreiber, Kate Hudson and Kiefer Sutherland, opened at the 2013 Tribeca Film Festival.

"The Reluctant Fundamentalist"

Blu-ray disc

\$12.99

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