

SMALL BODY by Laura Samani

UK Coverage

The Guardian - 4 star review (Peter Bradshaw)

"Laura Samani's debut feature is a movie folktale: hard, weathered and knotted, like a piece of driftwood... There are some amazing scenes and locations in this film, which has the air of a magical parable, like something by Alice Rohrwacher; I thought there might even be a tiny touch of Lars von Trier's Breaking the Waves... Samani's film-making language has consistency and urgency, and there is an interesting streak of atheism that goes alongside this movie's spiritual aura"

<https://www.theguardian.com/film/2022/apr/05/small-body-review-a-sublimely-shot-parable-of-spiritual-redemption>

The Upcoming - 4 star review (Umar Ali)

"A profoundly interesting and moving tale"

<https://www.theupcoming.co.uk/2022/04/04/small-body-movie-review/>

Backseat Mafia - Very positive review (Rob Aldham)

"A beautiful film, full of life and wonder... Small Body is a minor masterpiece of modern filmmaking"

<https://www.backseatmafia.com/film-review-small-body/>

Total Film - 4 star review (Tom Dawson)

"Ambitious and accomplished... This female-focused drama has the feel of a mythical quest"

Attached

The Movie Waffler - 3 star review (Benjamin Poole)

<http://www.themoviewaffler.com/2022/04/small-body-review-laura-samani.html>

Sight & Sound - Positive review (Pamela Hutchinson)

Attached

The Spinning Image - 6 out of 10 review (Graeme Clark)

<https://www.thespinningimage.co.uk/cultfilms/displaycultfilm.asp?reviewid=13887>

Flickering Myth - 4 star review (Jasmine Valentine)

"The film's haunting visual pull, sparse soundtracks and vulnerable commitment to the truth make it essential viewing"

<https://www.flickeringmyth.com/2022/04/movie-review-small-body-2021/>

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Geek Chocolate - Mostly positive review (Michael Flett)
<http://geekchocolate.co.uk/small-body/>

Little White Lies - 3 star review (Emily Maskell)
"An accomplished directorial debut"
<https://lwlies.com/reviews/small-body/>

Shadows On The Wall - 4 star review (Rich Cline)
"Travelling on this odyssey with Agata evokes such profound truths that it's impossible not to identify with her. And the way Samani unfolds the narrative as a magical-realist fairy tale makes the conclusion darkly moving"
<http://www.shadowsonthewall.co.uk/22/f5.htm#small>

The Tablet - Positive review (Isabel Grey)
<https://www.thetablet.co.uk/arts/11/21749/a-fable-of-feather-light-sanctuaries-in-the-alps>

Cine-Vue - 4 star review (John Bleasdale)
"With Small Body, Samani has created a work of great maturity and power. It is a film about a personal grief which gradually, step by step, takes on a mythic resonance. This is a new and vibrant talent to be watched"
<https://cine-vue.com/2022/04/cannes-2021-small-body-review.html?amp>

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