



THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS



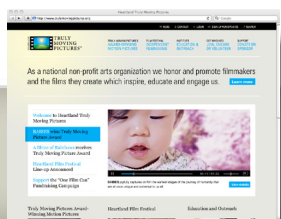
Synopsis

Introduced as babies who were born to mothers who met in a prenatal aerobics class, the four girls grew up together and developed an enduring bond despite their distinctly different emerging personalities. Now, after years of sharing every triumph and loss, every wild idea and secret fear with the laughter and love of true friends, these four young women couldn't be closer... except that they're about to be separated as their lives take them in different directions for the first time.

Discussion Questions

- Bridget, Tibby, Lena and Carmen have known each other since they were born. Who is the friend you have known the longest? Is this person your best friend? Does he or she know more about you than others because you have known each other for so long?
- The friends in this movie have very different personalities. Do you think it's easier or more difficult to get along with people who are different than you? Why do you think this is the case? What kind of similarities and differences do you see between you and your very good friends?
- Carmen has a difficult time talking to her dad and explaining that she is upset with him. Why do you think she has trouble communicating with her father? Have you ever had a similar problem with someone in your life, whether it was a parent, guardian, relative or friend?
- Bridget never really resolved her feelings about the death of her mother. What kinds of things did she try in order to overcome her sadness? Did it work?
- Lena had to hide her relationship with Kostos from her grandparents. Ultimately, being honest with her grandparents helped them to understand her. Have you ever had to explain generational differences to your parents or grandparents? Do you think Lena explained the situation well?
- Tibby was not as sympathetic to Carmen's issues with her father as Carmen would have liked. Carmen wanted to hear that she was right, but Tibby didn't say that. How did Tibby respond? Why do you think she responded the way she did?

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Activities

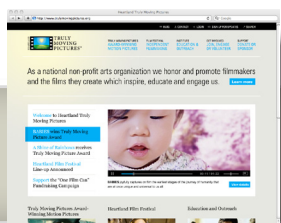
- Start a continuous letter with your best friend(s) in a notebook. While you might not have a pair of pants that fit both or all of you, this notebook is something that everyone can use. Carmen decided in the end that the jeans were really just a witness to the adventures that the girls had that summer. Make this notebook the witness to you and your friends' day-to-day adventures.
- Tibby wanted to capture the mundane lives of everyone around her on film. With the help of Bailey she realized that people's lives weren't as mundane as she thought. Learn about the people around you by interviewing at least three people. Ask them questions about all aspects of their lives, including what they do on a regular basis, what their family is like and what their school days consist of. Choose one of these three people whose life you find the most interesting, and then write an article or story about his or her life.

Get Involved

- Tibby was moved by the strength and courage that a 12-year old had about living and dying. Some children who are sick do not get a lot of visitors. Many of them have been sick a long time and don't experience much socializing outside of the hospital. Volunteer at a local pediatric hospital to help run a crafts session or entertain the smaller children with a puppet show. Bring some of the outside world, away from the hospital, in to these patients.



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