Lesley Manville and Liam Neeson Stare Down Cancer in “Ordinary Love” [VIDEO]

Love prevails when a couple’s world is upended by a breast cancer diagnosis.

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When two people take their marriage vows, they promise to be there for each other in sickness and health. The new film Ordinary Love, starring Academy Award nominees Lesley Manville and Liam Neeson, shines a light on the enduring devotion of a couple following a cancer diagnosis.

Joan and Tom have been married for a long time. In the film’s trailer, we see them enjoying each other’s company as they do ordinary things, including exchanging banter at the dinner table banter, going on power walks and shopping for groceries. Then one day, the extraordinary happens: In the shower, Joan finds a lump in her breast and calls to Tom.

The couple go to the hospital, where Joan is ultimately diagnosed with breast cancer. As their world is turned upside down, one thing remains in place—their love for each other. Joan undergoes treatment with worry and fear, while Tom tries to stay strong for them both.

“There isn’t a moment I won’t be there with you,” Tom says. “I’m going to torture you, you know that? Don’t you?” He helps her shave her head, embraces her intimately and holds her hand when she needs him most.

Ordinary Love is a story based on true events. It’s also one that many people can relate to. The wife of the film’s writer, Irish playwright Owen McCafferty, was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent treatment, NPR reports.

Ordinary Love is currently in theaters across the United States. You can view the trailer above and check out some film reactions below.

#OrdinaryLove is a beautiful drama that soars in the very capable hands of Lesley Manville and Liam Neeson.

Their chemistry make this mature love story work as both deliver incredibly raw performances as a couple dealing with cancer. Just wish there was a little bit more.
— Keith Noakes (@keithlovemovies) February 20, 2020

Absolutely loved ORDINARY LOVE. Liam Neeson hasn't been this good in years and Lesley Manville is tremendous. They play an older couple dealing with a breast cancer diagnosis. The film is heartfelt, deeply moving, and also wryly funny.

Comes out Feb. 28. So good.
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— Dan Buffa (@buffa82) February 20, 2020

Just saw a screening of #ordinarylove with Liam Neeson and Lesley Manville. So heavy but what a powerful and honest performance! This is not a marvel movie. Tough subject matter with a screaming reminder that everyday life is life. @Route504PR @levelFILM

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— Liz Falconer (@LizzyFalconer) February 20, 2020

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