



Growing Up Fast Growing Up Fast

Directed by Joanna Lipper / 1999 / 30'
Color

+ Selling Points

- Recognized by the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences as an outstanding short documentary
- Screened at venues including Harvard's Graduate School of Education, The Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, Makor, and HBO's Frame by Frame Film Festival at The Screening Room in New York City.

Synopsis

Growing Up Fast follows six teen mothers through their last months of high school. Through these intimate stories, the film explores the emotions, relationships and psychological forces that lead to teen pregnancy and parenthood. In addition to featuring teen mothers, the film also includes several young fathers. While highlighting the difficulties of teen pregnancy and parenthood, this film also shows the strength, courage, resilience, spirit and self-awareness of these adolescents, and charts their rise to meet the challenge of supporting their families while simultaneously working to graduate from high school with the help of tutoring and daycare. This documentary film inspired Joanna Lipper's acclaimed book, Growing Up Fast. The 400 page book follows the stories of these young parents for four years after they graduate from high school and also tells the stories of their childhoods.

Stage of Production: Completed

Genre: Documentary

Language: English

Production Company: Sea Wall Entertainment / Ruby Slipper Productions

About the director: Joanna Lipper is a filmmaker and author. She runs Sea Wall Entertainment, a company dedicated to the research, development and production of books and films. Previous documentaries include Inside Out: Portraits of Children and Growing Up Fast, a film about teenage mothers that was the inspiration for her acclaimed book. Little Fugitive marks her debut as a feature film director and screenwriter. She is a frequent speaker on national radio and television and at conferences and universities.

ADDITIONAL INFO

Market History:

Festival History: HBO's Frame by Frame Film Festival.

Material available: Digibeta masters PAL and NTSC, 400 page book published by Picador which follows the lives of the subjects of the film