



# Lars and the Real Girl

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## Overview

In this comedy, Lars Lindstrom is an awkwardly shy young man in a small northern town who finally brings home the girl of his dreams to his brother and sister-in-law's home. The only problem is that she's not real - she's a life-size doll Lars ordered off the Internet. But sex is not what Lars has in mind, but rather a deep, meaningful relationship. His sister-in-law is worried for him, his brother thinks he's nuts, but eventually the entire town goes along with his delusion in support of this sweet natured boy that they've always loved

## Discussion Guide

Themes:

- Love that gives: I Corinthians 13
  - The search for a meaningful relationship: John 13:34; Eph 4:2,32, Phil 2:3
  - Moving past wounds of the past: Phil 3:13-15
1. Why does Lars pretend that Bianca is real? What were his motivations?
  2. Summarize Gus's and Karen's reactions to Lars bringing Bianca into their lives? Why was Gus so hesitant to go along with the ruse?
  3. Why do you suppose Lars had such a hard time relating to human touch? Can you relate to this? Do you know someone who could probably relate to it?
  4. Why do you think the town's people embraced Bianca? Was it just to show love to Lars or was it something deeper?
  5. Do you think Lars was crazy? How do you think he spends the rest of his life?
  6. What did you think of the doctor's treatment and her advice to Lars?
  7. Why do you think Lars eventually gave up on Bianca?
  8. In one of the more powerful scenes in the movie, Lars reveals his great fear for Karen. What emotions do you see played out here? How did the actor Ryan Gosling handle this scene? Could you sense his fear?
  9. Could you have been one of the people to play along and pretend that Bianca was real?
  10. Why do you think Margo was attracted to Lars? Why did she continue to seek his friendship even when Bianca entered the picture?