

'Leo's Room' is a drama about two young people with repressed secrets

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While Leo's college friends discuss philosophy and sex, he thinks that connecting with other people without his repressed secrets getting in the way would be even better.

A breakup with his girlfriend leads Leo to explore his attraction to men. Then he meets a friend from childhood, Caro, who has become a withdrawn and fragile woman. Can Leo be true to himself and all the other people in his life at the same time?

"Leo's Room" is the kind of film that's not afraid of presenting a long, silent scene between Leo and Caro as they get comfortable with each other. The film's wry sense of humor keeps things light.

Despite an ambiguous ending, "Leo's Room" succeeds in telling a genial and universal story.

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REVIEW

Leo's Room

What: Two young people find they both have repressed secrets. (2009/Uruguay) 92 min. In Spanish with English subtitles.

When: 4:35 p.m. today and 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Grade: B

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