

# BLUE JEAN

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**Drama** **United Kingdom** **1h 37m**

Set in Great Britain in the time of Thatcher when bigotry still ran rampant, a closeted high school teacher who witnessed what was happening to teachers who were discovered to be gay — firings, arrests, violence — knew that she must be extremely careful, or else. Even the occasional visit to an underground gay bar with her girlfriend was a huge risk.

Then one day one of her students is accused of being a lesbian. The student needs help, protection. But the teacher is too scared to defend her. And like with most of us, when we are silent and do nothing to stand for those oppressed, our conscience often explodes and we are reminded that we live too much of our lives in fear of the oppressor, the bigot, the boss — and in fear of our better selves.

This is a powerful film about a time not long ago when you were legally forbidden to love the person you were in love with and wanted to live your life with — and perhaps a cautionary tale that it wouldn't take much to bring those days back again.