

Valeria (2020) Review – Madrid, Man Problems, and Mild Feelings

Rating: 7/10

Where to Watch: Netflix

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The Premise

Meet Valeria: a writer in crisis (emotionally and professionally), juggling a marriage on life support, a sexy almost-affair, and a trio of close girlfriends who are all busy chasing their own brand of chaos. *Valeria* is stylish, romantic, and set against the swoon-worthy backdrop of Madrid—it's got all the right elements for a glossy good time.

What kept me watching

First off, the production is seriously gorgeous. The city is the real star here, with every frame dripping in warm tones, cute cafés, and dreamy architecture. If you've ever wanted to run away to Madrid and day-drink with your friends while avoiding your problems? This is the vibe. Season one especially hits that sweet spot between escapist fun and emotional realism (well, sort of).

And let's not pretend—this was pandemic viewing for me. I was stuck at home, doomscrolling in pajamas, and *Valeria* showed up like a fizzy, flirty distraction with just enough depth to keep me from rolling my eyes.

Where it doesn't quite slay

Some people call this the “Spanish *Sex and the City*” and girl, no. Let's not go there. *Sex and the City* had teeth. It had cultural *impact*. *Valeria*? She's cute. She's fine. But she's not making me question my life choices over brunch. I didn't feel much watching, and the characters (while charming) felt more like personality types than people I'd actually want to text.

And yes, the first season was definitely the peak—after that, it starts to wobble a little under its own wine-scented weight.

The vibe

It's giving *Instagrammable inner turmoil*. Glossy, heartfelt-lite, a little messy in the love department, and all wrapped in a Spanish girlboss bow. It knows what it is—and sometimes, that's enough.

Worth watching?

Totally. Especially if you're in the mood for something easy, pretty, and kind of comforting. It's the kind of show you fall into when life feels too real and you need something fake-but-familiar to cling to. No judgment—I've been there.

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7/10. The next *Sex and the City*? Por favor. But a charming enough getaway with great vibes, stylish drama, and just enough sparkle to lift your mood. Pandemic approved.