

Guys Have Trouble Showing Emotions

In the hit film *Show Me Love* are two girls who finally don't care what others think.

Pulse lets Alexandra Dahlström and Rebecca Liljeberg speak out about love, friends and guys.



Alexandra Dahlström and Rebecca Liljeberg known for *Show Me Love*.

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Claim: Guys have a harder time showing emotion than girls.

Rebecca: Yes, I think so. Trying to talk to a guy about something that made him sad makes him run away.

Alexandra: I think it's something to do with parenting.

Rebecca: There is something nice about a girl who is tearful, but with a guy it's lame. Guys talk to each other, but in a different way, not as soft, but they're talking to each other about their problems.

Alexandra: I don't have many guy friends, so I'm not going to sit and judge.

Rebecca: If you're a couple and are mature, I think that you'll often talk to each other, but when you're 13-14 then I get the impression that guys would rather talk with guys than with girls. If they don't have a really good girl friend.

Alexandra: I have no guy friends right now, because I have to have a good verbal exchange, otherwise it's so fucking boring.

Claim: Three girls cannot be good friends, it has to be two.

Rebecca: They certainly can.

Alexandra: In seventh grade, it was really cool, because it was me and three other girls who were so close. All the teachers thought it was

really special because we were all so close. We almost never argued and discussed a lot of things.

Rebecca: It's more common, I think that girls are two and two, but it's not impossible with a group of several. It is easier to socialize when you live your whole life as a couple.

Alexandra: But I don't think that you can live with a person for your whole life. It gets boring when you get old.

Rebecca: I think that you can if you are happily in love.

Alexandra: But the people would just know each other so well that it would be...

Rebecca: I know people who are still in love.

Alexandra: *Love* love?

Rebecca: Yes, people that hug and kiss and enjoy being with each other, who love each other, so it is possible though certainly not common.

Claim: Girls always fall for guys who are mean to them.

Rebecca: Some girls always do that.

Alexandra: I've done it. I'm so not in love at all anymore. It's actually very nice. I live in unbroken celibacy. The guys who are kind you think are a bit wimpy, so you won't fall in love with them.

Rebecca: Some girls will willingly follow a pattern; once you've fallen for someone nasty then you do it again. I believe that to be true.

Alexandra: I haven't been with very many mean guys, I just like guys who love themselves and think they are so good looking. But I think they can change when they grow up, they become surer of themselves and that makes you fall in love with them.

Rebecca: My guy is very kind and I'm in love with him.

Alexandra: He's old. He's like 20-something. That's different.

Claim: Girls are vainer than guys.

Alexandra: That's quite natural. Yes, I think so.

Rebecca: But more and more guys are becoming vain. It's becoming more acceptable to be.

Alexandra: It's becoming more acceptable that guys can put on makeup and such.

Rebecca: Many guys are vain in the sense that they love their body, going to the gym and working out.

Alexandra: In the eighth or seventh grade, I heard some guy friends talk about clothes, "They don't have that, they only have it in red and it's such a pain." And the other said "But it will come in soon." I think that sounded very funny.

Claim: Guys think about sex more than girls.

Alexandra: There's probably still a notion that girls shouldn't be interested in sex. That girls just do it for guys and don't have sexuality and don't think about sex.

Rebecca: In any case, as I have been in, it's always been that the guy wanted it more often. So that's the case for me, but it doesn't mean that there aren't girls who love sex more than guys.

Alexandra: You can't generalize it. I think it's something you learn, that girls have equal sexuality really.

Rebecca: I don't think sex is the highlight, I think it's better to just sit and cuddle and hug. Many guys I've met have pushed hard for it, they often want more.

Claim: Girls talk more shit about each other than guys.

Alexandra: In various ways. Guys talk shit in their own way.

Rebecca: It's more transparent.

Alexandra: Guys can be more honest, but then they're often just mean to each other, they have jargon and mock each other.

Rebecca: Girls are a bit more cowardly that way.

Alexandra: No, I don't want to say that.

Rebecca: No one is going to force you to say it.

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