

Heather Matarazzo

Titles: 1 Sources: 1 Stills: 2

Born: US



Source: *Radio Times*

Leonard Maltin's *Movie and Video Guide*
2001 review of "Welcome to the Dollhouse":

"The pain of puberty has never been portrayed so unflinchingly; smart-but-ordinary Matarazzo has to deal with her incredibly un-nurturing suburban family (which dotes on her "adorable" younger sister), and worse, the pranks and sexual threats of virtually her entire junior high school. Amid this dire lack of support and warmth is a heroine of enormous pluck and cunning. While viewer may wince as numerous unpleasant situations play out, there is also terrific satire (and guffaws) as life in the *Seventh-Grade-From-Hell* is depicted with spot-on clarity. Strong performances; sharply scripted by the director. ***½ "

Radio Times comments:

"Before he made his name with the controversial "**HAPPINESS**" (1998), Todd Solondz also raised a few eyebrows with this truthful look at the nightmares of growing up. Eleven-year old New Jersey misfit Dawn Wiener (a superb performance from young Heather Matarazzo) has all the problems of an average schoolgirl, and more. Thanks to Solondz's original ideas, no-holds-barred script and determination never to stray into sentimentality, this is a fascinating and ironic look at teenage life. Contains violence and swearing. **** "

"Eleven-year old misfit Dawn is ignored by her family and routinely humiliated by her classmates. A crush on her brother's friend Steve and friendship with delinquent Brandon provide some solace, but a crisis looms when Dawn's spoilt younger sister Missy disappears. **** "

" "**WELCOME TO THE DOLLHOUSE**" also boasts an outstanding performance by Matarazzo as Dawn." - **Jonathan Miller**



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FILMOGRAPHY

<i>Year</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Role</i>
96		WELCOME TO THE DOLLHOUSE	in central role, Dawn Wiener (11)