

Kristy McNichol

Titles: 3 Sources: 1 Stills: 2

Born: US



*Right, with Tatum O'Neal as the two reluctant virgins – if you can buy that one – of "LITTLE DARLINGS".
Source: Blackhawk Film Digest Winter 1980-81*

Film Review 1980-81 incidental note:

"...Kristy McNichol is another hopeful young starlet, sharing billing with Tatum O'Neal in "LITTLE DARLINGS", and famous for US TV's "Family", but probably best remembered here as Burt Reynolds's ostensibly rough daughter in "THE END"..."

What the Critics said:

In "LITTLE DARLINGS":

"Unabsorbing story of two 15-year old girls at summer camp who are in a race to be the first to lose their virginity. O'Neal is dis-appointing, but McNichol is excellent, skilfully portraying a range of emotions and rising far above the material."

- **Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89**

"...The playing overcomes the formula development of Kimi Peck and Dalene Young's screenplay. In particular, Kristy McNichol (whose career has not progressed since it should have done), as a tough teenager with a sleep-around divorcee mother, is so true, so natural in the conveying of inner feelings as to leave you gasping for more. All the sadness and cynicism of 15 years of rootless existence is expressed in these brown eyes. It's a performance deserving of the Oscar nomination it didn't get."

- **TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995**

"...McNichol easily out-acts her co-star with a solid performance." – **Leonard Maltin**

"...The youngsters are appealing, and they are certainly better than the simple-minded script."

- **Rating the Movies (1990)**

"...If you can get over the moralising, there's a treat from Kristy McNichol as the rough-talking, Marlboro-smoking kid who can deliver a kick to the cobblers to rival Paul Newman..."

- **Time Out**

"...Tatum O'Neal and Kristy McNichol are both excellent as virgins of widely different social backgrounds who meet at summer camp."

O'Neal is a sheltered rich girl and McNichol
the poor, streetwise urchin..."

- **Variety**



They don't make virgins like they used to. O'Neal (right) was not 15, but 18, and it's a safe bet McNichol was over 16 too, even though "LITTLE DARLINGS" was by no means as salacious as its calculating plotline implied.

Source: A Pictorial History of the Talkies

FILMOGRAPHY

<i>Year</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Role</i>
- -		Family	US TV soap
78		THE END	
80		LITTLE DARLINGS	in central role, Angel Bright, 15