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**OPERA REVIEW**  
**Carmen**  
Glyndebourne Touring Opera  
Apollo Theatre, Friday 6th

From the first sight of the shabby clothes, the walls stained by cigarette smoke, and the dingy streets full of dodgy dealers, you can see that Glyndebourne have brought a deliciously dirty Carmen to town. The smoky sirens of the tobacco factory, barely contained by their nicotine-stained petticoats, flirt and play with the ill-disciplined soldiers, backed by a chorus of piping urchins and the shadowy dealings of Seville. Above this murky world Michaëla (sung with strident purity by Helen Williams) raises a lone voice of virtue as she searches out her adoptive mother's son, Don José. But José (a bitter, self-loathing Peter Auty) is already tainted, a priest-turned-gambler fleeing arrest and his own violent temper, and when factory girl, smuggler, and all-round bad girl Carmen gives him the eye, he is more than ready to jump between her eager legs. But his inconsistencies betray him, and while Carmen, played with perfect, passionate indifference by Christine Rice, can cry wholeheartedly, "the weekend is here, and whoever wants to love me, I'll love!" José cannot love as easily, or forget as quickly, and when she leaves him for a toreador (a stylish, strutting, David Kempster) the scene is set for tragedy. The familiar tunes are well performed, with almost every song in the second act winning applause, and though the excitement falters a little when the action takes to the mountains for some unconvincing fighting with convincing knives, it returns in force for a fabulously overdriven, confetti-strewn finale. After all, there's a reason these songs are so well known: they are some of the greatest celebrations of vice ever sung: smoking, free love, bludgeoning all get their turn, and it is impossible not to feel the excitement as the gypsies stamp and sway through the Romalis or Carmen sings, "freedom, above all!"  
Jeremy Dennis, 03.12.02

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The Government has asked the Churches to  
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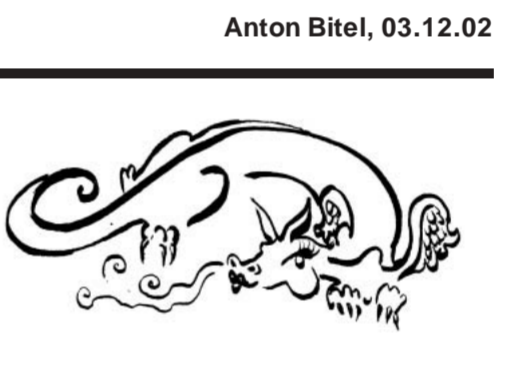


Anton Bitel, 03.12.02

**FILM REVIEW**  
**Morvern Callar**  
Phoenix Picture House until Thurs 5th  
If Lynne Ramsay's first feature, 'Rat-  
catcher', was a lyrical vision of the jour-  
ney from disappointment and despair  
to suicide, then 'Morvern Callar' charts  
a course in the opposite direction, from  
suicide to rebirth and hope of a new  
life. Based on Alan Warner's novel, it is  
a road movie of sorts, and as with all  
road movies, its story, which is as min-  
imal as can be, is less important than  
the incidental details and observations  
which pave the way.

On Christmas day, in Oban, Scotland,  
supermarket worker Morvern Callar  
(Samantha Morton) wakes up to dis-  
cover that her partner has killed him-  
self, leaving her a small amount of  
money for his funeral, and the com-  
pleted manuscript of his novel. Despite  
her disorientation and grief, Morvern  
sees a miraculous opportunity to get  
away from her past, disposing of the  
body, spending the money on a two  
week holiday in Spain for herself and  
her friend Lanna (Kathleen McDermott),  
and submitting the manuscript as her  
own novel. What starts as a simple,  
hedonistic escape soon turns into a  
more profound retreat into seclusion,  
silence and self-negation, as Morvern,  
like her boyfriend before her, disap-  
pears 'to another country', and refuses  
to go back.

The outstanding Samantha Morton,  
typcast for far too long as a near-silent  
idiot savant ('Sweet and Lowdown',  
'Minority Report'), is at last allowed to  
shine in a role of substance and depth.  
The real star of this film, however, is  
Ramsay herself, who has transformed  
the simplest of plots into something  
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