



## PRODUCTION NOTES

# My Friends My Loves

Directed By Lorraine Levy

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Running time: 95 minutes  
Rated: M

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## SYNOPSIS

When Mathias (Vincent Lindon) moves from Paris to South Kensington to join his best friend, the divorced Antoine (Pascal Elbe), they decide to establish a new household for their kids by moving in together. They become a modern-day odd couple living in London. They set themselves some ground rules: they will never call on baby sitters, have a midnight curfew and will never bring any girlfriends home. However, in reality life is not always as straightforward...

It seemed like the perfect solution for two single fathers in their thirties. They would take turns looking after the children, divide household chores and keep each other company on lonely Sunday evenings. But such an intimate living arrangement quickly becomes strained, particularly when Mathias takes a more than a passing interest in Audrey (Virginie Ledoyen), a beautiful and ambitious young journalist who wanders into his bookshop one day.

As Antoine and Mathias juggle parental obligations, romantic intrigues and differences of opinion, we are drawn into the colourful world of the French expat enclave in Kensington (affectionately known as 'Frog Alley') and the intertwining destinies of its locals.

Based on best-selling author Marc Levy's novel, with its disarming cast of characters, and set against London at its most engaging, *My Friends, My Loves* is a tender and light-hearted film, with more than a nod to the warm humour of filmmaker and writer Richard Curtis (*Notting Hill*, *Love Actually*).

An engaging romantic comedy, *My Friends, My Loves* is a bubbly spin on the 'odd-couple' set-up, featuring delightful performances from the talented ensemble cast.

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based on the Best-selling novel by Marc Levy

Dominique Farrugia  
presents



starring

Vincent Lindon

Pascal Elbé

Virginie Ledoyen

Florence Foresti

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## Synopsis

Two divorced guys and best friends Mathias and Antoine become a modern day odd couple when they move in together in London, along with their two kids.

But while establishing house rules is easy, handling relationships with the opposite sex is another matter! Domestic bliss is jeopardized when Mathias falls for the charms of Audrey, another French ex pat living in London.





Rule #1  
No babysitter



## Lorraine Levy

In addition to an Arts and Law Degree, Lorraine Levy created and ran a successful theatre company.

For seven years, she put together one show per year and wrote several plays for the company. Subsequently, she wrote more than twenty scripts for television, primarily comedies.

In 2004, she directed her first feature film

"The First Time I was 20". Her script won the 2002

Grand Prix du Meilleur Scénariste and the 2003 Prix du Public du meilleur scénario at the Angers "Premiers Plans" Film Festival.

Her second feature film "Mes Amis, Mes Amours" is based on her brother Marc Levy's novel.



### Marc Levy

During 1998, Marc Levy spent his spare time, from his architectural firm, working on a manuscript called "If Only it Were True", based on a story he had invented for his son, Louis.

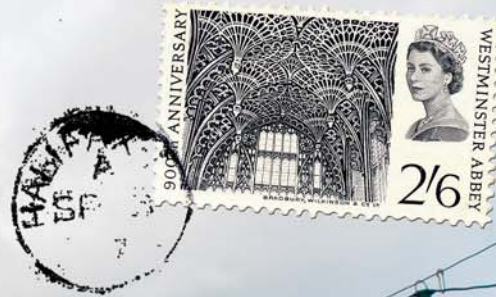
In October 1999 the film rights of "If Only it Were True" were sold to DreamWorks and the film entitled "Just like Heaven" starring Reese Witherspoon, was the number one grossing film for its opening weekend.

His sixth novel "Mes Amis, Mes Amours" was published in July 2006 and went straight to the top of the bestseller lists with 525,000 copies sold.

Nowadays, the combined worldwide sales of Marc Levy's seven books amount to more than 13 million copy mark. Marc Levy's books have been translated into 38 languages. His success is not just confined to France: for example all of his novels have been bestsellers in Germany, and his total sales there exceed 1.5 million copies.









# Vincent Lindon

## Matthias

**Selon Charlie**  
by Nicole Garcia (2006)

**L'Avion**  
by Cédric Kahn (2005)

**Chaos**  
by Coline Serreau (2001)

**Beautiful Mother**  
by Gabriel Aghion (1999)

**Paparazzi**  
by Alain Berbérian (1998)  
co-scriptwriter



Rule #3

No smoking in  
the house  
(including  
the bedrooms)



Pascal Elbé

(Antoine)

## 3 Amis

by Michel Boujenah (2007)  
co-scriptwriter

## Bad Faith

by Roshdy Zem (2006)  
co-scriptwriter

## Gamblers

by Frédéric Ballekdjian (2005)

## Tout Pour Plaire

by Cécile Telerman (2005)



Rule #4  
Curfew at  
midnight





Virginie Ledoyen  
Audrey

**The Valet**  
by Francis Veber (2006)

**House of Voices**  
by Pascal Laugier (2004)

**Bon Voyage**  
by Jean-Paul Rappeneau (2005)

**8 Women**  
by François Ozon (2002)

**The Beach**  
by Danny Boyle (2000)



Rule #5

"Hey Antoine,  
I'm not enlisting  
the Foreign Legion!"

Florence Foresti  
Sophie



**Si C'était Lui**  
by Anne-Marie Etienne (2007)

**Game of Four**  
by Bruno Dega (2007)

**The Ant Bully (Voice)**  
by John A. Davis (2006)

**Dikkenek**  
by Olivier Van Hoofstadt (2006)



## A Polaroid photograph of two men sitting in a dark convertible car. The man on the left is wearing a dark suit and has a surprised expression. The man on the right is wearing a light-colored shirt and has a more neutral, slightly concerned expression. They are positioned in front of a stone wall. The photograph is tilted slightly to the right and is set against a background of horizontal white lines.



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