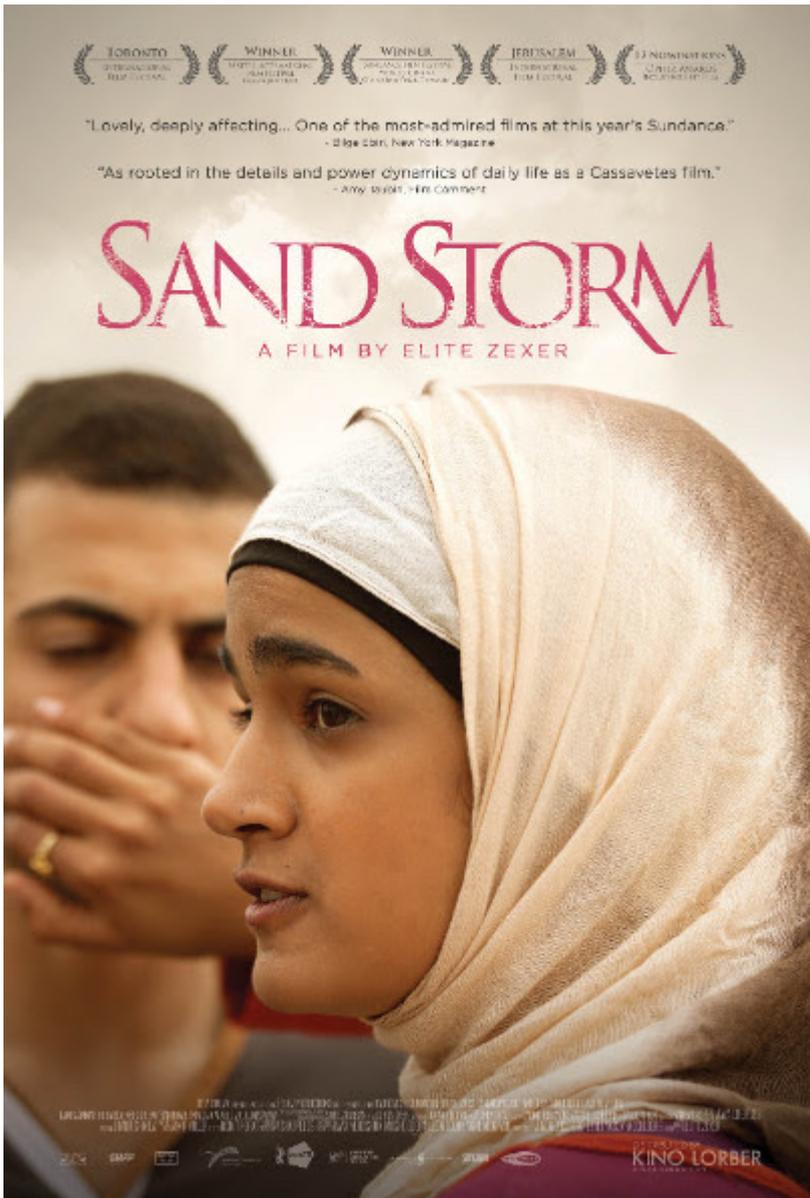




## Sandstorm Unhinged

### Description

As wedding festivities get underway in a Bedouin village in Southern Israel, Jalila finds herself in the awkward position of hosting her husband Suliman's marriage to a second, much younger wife. During the celebration, Jalila stumbles across her eldest daughter Layla's involvement with a boy from her university—a strictly forbidden liaison that would shame the family. Burying the indignity of Suliman and his new bride living next door, Jalila also tries to contain Layla's situation by clamping down on her. But Layla sees a different life for herself!



Written and Directed by Elite Zexer  
Starring Khadija Alakel, Haitham Omari, Ruba Blal-Asfour, Lamis Ammar,  
Jalal Masarwa  
Country of Origin: Israel  
Running Time: 87 min  
Not Rated  
Subtitled

Here's what leading critics are saying:

Critics Pick. Coursing with feeling an ethnographic melodrama, rich in cultural specifics, but also universal longings.

Alan Scherstuhl, Village Voice

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“One of the most-admired films at this year’s Sundance. A lovely, deeply affecting film.”

“**Bilge Ebiri, New York Magazine**

“A complex drama with characters to match. The choices (Zexer) makes in terms of visuals, tone and script establish her as a strong directorial presence.”

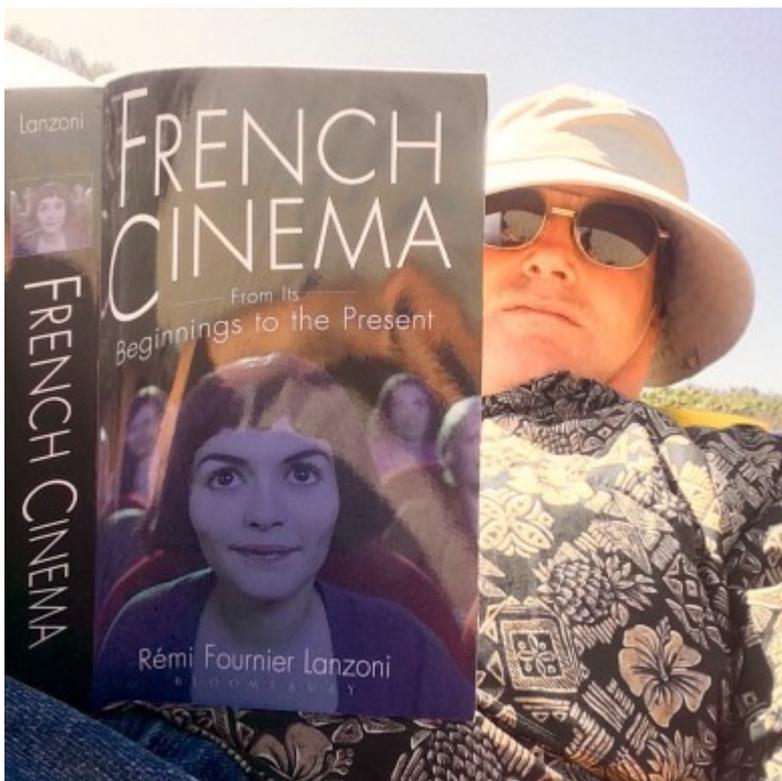
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