

“Skater Girl”

Skateboarders are not what you would expect to encounter in a village in Rajasthan. But things are about to change when Jessica, a young woman who grew up in England, returns to the town her grandfather left when he was seven. She has always been curious about the place and spends her days getting to know the town. To her surprise she discovers that some of the local teenagers, including a young girl fighting back against the role assigned to her by Hindu tradition, have built themselves crude skateboards. It gives Jessica an idea. Why not get them real skateboards? The kids are ecstatic and that gives Jessica another brainstorm. Why not build a skateboard park? What follows is a classic sports tale; a sociological study of how life is lived in a traditional Indian village; and how skateboarding empowers a young girl. If you are looking for an abashedly “feel good film”, you will want to check out “Skater Girl”.

(Netflix)

Also on Netflix is “Betty White: First Lady of Television”. Now in her nineties she has not slowed down a bit. An engaging look at a larger than life personality, which includes two priceless moments: one from “The Golden Girls”; and another from “The Mary Tyler Moore Show” when Mary and Ted pay a visit to her bedroom. Betty White is a unique talent.