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Rating: **4.0/5.0**

CHICAGO – Patrick McDonald of HollywoodChicago.com appears on “The Morning Mess” with Scott Thompson on WBGR-FM (Monroe, Wisconsin) on May 5th, 2020, discussing new releases “The Half of It” and “How to Build a Girl.”

The Half of Us, the recent Best U.S. Narrative at the online [2020 Tribeca Film Festival](#) [22] is the second feature film by Alice Wu, and creates a tasty palette combining teenage coming-of-age films, love triangles and fluid genderism without preaching or being trite. Leah Lewis as Ellie knocks it out of the park as the middleman in the triangle, flanked by Daniel Diemer as Paul (in a nice, mostly comic role) and Alexxis Lemire as Aster, the smart and beautiful object of many desires. The film is currently streaming on Netflix. 4/5 stars.



The Half of It
Photo credit: Netflix



Rating: **3.5/5.0**

How to Build a Girl is released through IFC Films, and available on May 8th for rental on various streaming platforms (see below). Beanie Feldstein is Johanna, AKA Dolly Wilde, a perplexed and awkward British 16-year-old who breaks out of her shell by becoming a rock critic for a London tabloid in the 1990s. Unlikely as it seems, the American Feldstein executes a "Bridget Jones Diary" and pulls off the British character, in a bright and oddly funny performance. 3.5/5 stars



How to Build a Girl

Photo credit: IFC Films

The two reviews are as follows, on WBGR-FM ...

"The Half of It" is currently streaming on Netflix. Featuring Leah Lewis, Daniel Diemer and Alexis Lemire. Written and directed by Alice Wu. Rated "PG-13" "How to Build a Girl" is available for download May 8th on Amazon, Apple TV, YouTube, Vudu, Xfinity, Xbox and more. Featuring Beanie Feldstein, Alfie Allen, Paddy Considine, Chris O'Dowd and Emma Thompson. Screenplay adapted by Caitlin Moran (from her novel). Directed by Coky Giedroyc. Rated "R"



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