

Heart Warmer from the Arctic

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Spread across 30 years and two continents, Map of the Human Heart is an epic romantic adventure set in the arctic circle where a little Eskimo boy grows up to love a half-caste Indian.

They come to be torn apart by illness, the Second World War and a Canadian mapmaker. Patrick Bergin plays the mapmaker, with Jason Scott Leigh as the Eskimo and Anne Parillaud as the girl he

loves and loses; but this is not your average triangular love story.

Vincent Ward's movie wins through on its stunning photography and constant sense of poetry: a magical, mystical film, not unlike those once made by Powell and Pressburger at the height of the Second World War when a poetic conscience was also reckoned as a useful antidote to reality.