**It is touching, but not sappy**

**And the ending is quite good**

**The story stands on the strength of the characters and the dramas (and comedies) surrounding their lives.** **It's not preachy, it's simply good**.

**It has a great soundtrack**

**She epitomized strength, will power, confidence and resolve**. **She owned a home that she used to house just about every type of person that society would rejlect**. **Her tenants consisted of a lesbian, a psychotic war veteran, an amputee, and a host of other vagrants that made the home miles away from ordinary**

**LACKAWANNA BLUES is an entertaining, engrossing, emotionally-charged HBO-TV movie based on the childhood memories of actor Ruben Santiago-Hudson.**

**Nanny was a one-woman social service organization whose boarding house was filled with drunks, derelicts, cripples, drug addicts, misfits, and everyone else in town who needed a hand-up instead of a hand-out**

**Merkeson is nothing short of magnificent, in a performance that earned her a Golden Globe and an Emmy Award**

**S. Epatha Merkerson brings the character to life beautifully, and the other cast members are do the same.**

**The music in this film perfectly blends with the story**

**The film gives a good character study of both Nanny and Ruben and manages to capture life's ups and downs in a realistic fashion unlike so many memoirs that are made into film**

**Loses some steam and vibrancy towards the end, and the ending sequence leaves a bittersweet feeling**

**Touching,alive,entrancing-a great mix of sound and story- based on a true story featuring an All-Star cast**

**What a wonderful film, filled with eccentric, unique characters who are wonderfully realized by a great ensemble cast**

**The characters are rich like a well woven tapestry**

**Great movie,great cast,great music**

**The cast is extraordinary without the faintest hint of anyone being uncomfortable in their role**

**Every actor and actress was perfectly suited for the role they played. Their chemistry together was amazing**