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Pedro: The True Story of Pedro Zamora. color. 93 min. 2009. MTV Networks & BMP Films, dist. by Wolfe Video. 2009. DVD

It seems inconceivable that just 15 years ago reality television was a new concept and the idea of featuring a gay, HIV-positive male was unheard of. MTV pioneered the genre in 1992 with its insanely popular *The Real World*, where, in 1994, the good-looking and charming Pedro Zamora became a "star." Written by Oscar winner Dustin Lance Black (*Milk*) and starring newcomer Alex Loynaz, this biopic documents Zamora's courageous personal story as it was revealed on television. Loynaz, looking startlingly like a young Sal Mineo, certainly has the good looks Pedro possessed if not the charisma. The real Zamora (1972–94) never apologized for being either gay or HIV-positive, and his refreshing candor served to push those issues to the back burner. What the made-for-TV film does reveal is Pedro's transcendence beyond a gay icon to a universal icon of his entire generation as an AIDS activist and voice of truth, tolerance, and awareness. Bonus features include an introduction from President Bill Clinton and Pedro's audition for *The Real World*. A unique contribution to all libraries.

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