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Diary of a Lost Girl

Das Tagebuch einer Verlorenen
Germany

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Anyone who doubts the importance of film rescue and archive work around the world will have their scepticism swept away by this spell-binding new restoration of Pabst's famous classic about the moral downfall of a misused middle-class girl. The result of a remarkable collaboration between film archives in Bologna, Brussels, Wiesbaden, Paris and Montevideo, this reconstruction puts back nearly all of the scenes cut by the German censors of the days because of their social and sexual candour. The missing scenes (found in Uruguay!) with their imagery of money, sex and laughter, set in a carefree brothel, restore sense, balance and humanity to the film. Even the enigmatic face of Louise Brooks, as the troubled Thymian, lights up and sees the comic side of things. Louise Brooks fans, of course, will need no special urging to re-visit one of her finest performances, in which her iconic beauty remains truly timeless. *Clyde Jeavons*

Dir G W Pabst / with Louise Brooks, Fritz Rasp, Joesph Rovensky, Sybille Schmitz / Germany 1929 / 110 mins

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