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DUANE BAUGHMAN'S

BHUTTO

One of the recommended “feminist films
now available for home viewing”

Bhutto

Duane Baughman, Director

She was Pakistan's best hope for democracy until the fateful day in December 2007 when she was brutally assassinated, two weeks before the election for prime minister that she was expected to win. This documentary presents an in-depth look at the rise and tragic fall of Benazir Bhutto, the charismatic woman who led Pakistan from 1988 to 1990 and 1993 to 1996—the first woman prime minister of a Muslim nation. Freed from having to wear a burqa by her father as a teenager and sent to Harvard, where she absorbed feminism and liberal politics, Bhutto set hunger, housing, women's rights and health care as her top priorities for Pakistan. This glowing portrait does not fully delve into the charges of corruption that plagued Bhutto, but the stirring archival footage of Bhutto and the evidence of her personal sacrifice for her country make her heroism indubitable. *Widely available after May 10.*

—AMANDA LITMAN

