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The film takes an unflinching look into the lives of Eva Markvoort and her two online friends who are all battling Cystic Fibrosis (CF)—a fatal genetic disease affecting the lungs and digestive system. Unable to meet in person because of the spread of infections and super bugs, the girls have become each other's lifelines through the internet, providing unconditional love, support, and understanding long after visiting hours are over. Now at a critical turning point in their lives, the film will travel the distance the friends cannot go themselves, capturing the compelling and often heartbreaking realities they face, just trying to take each breath.

23-year-old Canadian Eva Markvoort (aka '65_RedRoses') is an aspiring artist and a teacher; her clock is ticking as she waits at the top of the donor list for a double lung transplant. She has been told that she will not live more than two years if she does not receive new lungs. Unable to seek comfort in other CF patients locally, Eva began searching online. Joining a network for CFers, Eva created an online identity, '65_RedRoses.'

Out of the thousands of online CF patients, Eva really connected with two American girls. In Portland, Oregon, 19-year-old Meg Moore (online name 'Megmucus') smokes pot, drinks alcohol, and generally doesn't take her medication. Meg has no plans to have a double lung transplant, believing she does not have the strength to go through the process. Estranged from her family, Meg looks to Eva for support while Eva tries to inspire Meg to re-think transplant, which is her only hope for the future.

Across the continent in Erie, Pennsylvania, Kina Boyce (online name 'Spirit_of_Kina') is battling chronic rejection from her double lung transplant. Eva writes to her regularly, asking for guidance on how to prepare herself for transplant and how to deal with the problems afterwards. Watching Kina go through rejection, Eva learns that transplant is not a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. It means trading one disease for another, but for both girls it's their only chance at a longer life.

Uncensored, uninhibited, and unbreakable, Eva and her friends aren't just 'sick girls', but young women who are falling in love for the first time, discovering their passions and trying to make their marks on the world. The undeniable strength, courage, and sheer willpower possessed by these individuals have the power to profoundly move those beyond the CF community.

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