**CHOCOLAT**

In 1959, Vianne Rocher (Juliette Binoche) and her young daughter move into a small French village and Vianne opens a chocolate shop. It is the period before Easter when people can’t eat things like meat and sweets but some villagers start to go to Vianne’s shop because her chocolates are so good.

The local mayor, Comte de Reynaud (Alfred Molina), is very angry. For him, the chocolate shop is a temptation for the villagers and he does not like Vianne because she does not go to church. Gradually, more people start to come to the shop and try Vianne’s delicious chocolates. She is a fantastic cook, she knows the best type of chocolate for every person and she helps people in the village with problems. Vianne also meets a good-looking Irish traveller, Roux (Johnny Depp), and falls in love with him. With Roux’s help, she organises a big chocolate festival on Easter Sunday.

The story of the film Chocolat comes from the novel by Joanne Harris and the director is Lasse Hallström. The main actors are Juliette Binoche (Vianne Rocher) and Alfred Molina (Comte de Reynaud); Johnny Depp and Judi Dench are also in the film.

The story is interesting but very predictable. It is also strange because it happens in a French village where the people speak English! One of the best things about this film is the great acting; Juliette Binoche and Alfred Molina are fantastic. There are also some good dialogues and the photography is amazing, too. Because the photography is so good, the real stars of the film are the chocolates – when you are watching it you want to eat them and when you leave the cinema you feel hungry!

**Glossary**

- **delicious**: (adj) food that is very good
- **Easter**: (n) a Christian festival (March/April)
- **fall in love**: (v) to start to be in love with a person
- **mayor**: (n) someone who is the head of the government in a town, city or village
- **predictable**: (adj) when you know what is going to happen
- **temptation**: (n) when you want something badly
- **villager**: (n) a person who lives in a village