'The Female Brain' movie premieres in Los Angeles

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The Female Brain, a relationship comedy motion picture loosely based on the 2006 book of the same name by UC San Francisco neuropsychiatrist Louann Brizendine, MD, had its world premiere on June 17 at the Los Angeles Film Festival. Brizendine, who served as executive producer, joined the film's stars on the red carpet to celebrate the film's screening at the Culver City ArcLight Cinemas.

The movie marks the directorial debut of comedian Whitney Cummings, who also portrays a fictionalized version of Brizendine as the film's main character.

"'The Female Brain' is a book that profoundly changed my life, " Cummings told Variety last year, "and I'm really proud of how [co-writer] Neal Brennan and I wrote the script in a way that addresses how both men and women are often challenged and undermined by their reptilian brains and primordial fears."

The Female Brain also features performances by Sofia Vergara, James Marsden, Lucy Punch, Toby Kebbell, Cecily Strong, Beanie Feldstein, Blake Griffin, and Deon Cole.

Brizendine, author of "The Female Brain" and its 2010 follow-up "The Male Brain," is a professor emeritus and the Lynne and Marc Benioff Endowed Chair in Psychiatry. Following a three-year appointment at Harvard University, she joined the faculty at UCSF in 1988. Six years later, she founded the UCSF Women's Mood and Hormone Clinic, where she conducted research on the neurobiology of hormones, mood disorders, anxiety, and changes in sexual interest due to hormones.

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