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## Out of Love

Elinor Cook

Paines Plough

Roundabout @ Summerhall

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Grace and Lorna, respectively played by Lucy-Elin Salt and Sally Messham, grew up as best friends in a mining and shipping town that had seen better days.

For around 70 minutes, we witness snapshots from their lives, deliberately presented out of chronological order.

Little of what happens is heartening, whether it is school, families, boyfriends (all Hasan Dixon) or university, although there are happy times as well.

Frequently they fight, often over inconsequentialities, but they always make up and when they say that nobody is closer, it is patently true.

This is a play that takes a long time to get going but, by the later scenes, audience members should feel invested and care deeply for the fates of two very different personalities whose lives somehow manage to be extraordinary in their ordinariness.

**Reviewer:** [Philip Fisher](#)