

COTTON QUEEN
(Kota)

27th
Year!

Autumn
Season
2026

Release: 2025
Cert (UK): NC, F
Country: Sudan
Language: Arabic with English subtitles
Runtime: 1 hour 33 mins
Director: Suzannah Mirghani
Written by: Suzannah Mirghani
Cinematographer: Frida Marzouk
Cast: Haram Basher, Annett Culp, Talaat Farid



Life in a Sudanese village is dominated by cotton and Al-Sit, an old lady who fought off the British many years earlier. Her granddaughter Nafisa is happy with her life, hoping to marry Babiker. Then Nadir arrives, selling the villagers on GM seeds, and looking for a wife. Nafisa's mother sees him as a good bet, regardless of

what Nafisa thinks...

Director/writer 'Mirghani gradually builds a sense of the pressures on Nafisa as she realises that her own desires may well be sacrificed for what is considered the greater good of the village. Her mother and grandmother have plans that pay little heed to what Nafisa wants...The pressures on her may be considerable, but her quiet determination to face them down makes for an appealing heroine' - Alan Hunter, Screen Daily.

