



Thoughtless

**A heart-felt quirky
DRAMA
(feature)**

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LOGLINE:

When a worn out 'sandwich generation' Drama teacher momentarily forgets where she lives, becoming paranoid she's turning into her mother who has dementia, she goes on a molly-coddling crusade to secure everyone's future before it's too late.



SYNOPSIS:

In this comic tragedy, RACHEL (50) is a menopausal, single parent of disconnected teens, a full time teacher, and sole carer for her elderly mother. She juggles. She copes. But when her suspicions of early-onset dementia are confirmed, the realisation that one will be left to care, hits hard. Determined to keep her secret, she makes several 'demented' attempts to: place her mother in a care facility, teach her eldest to drive, get her youngest into boarding school, buy back their home and move in again, direct her students in their best school production ever, make peace with her late-X husband and find a new partner / carer for her kids.

But Rachel's plans spiral into confusion. She ruins dates, threatens her tenants, sabotages her son's friendship, gets him expelled, diminishes her now estranged daughter's driving confidence, pushes her only friend away, and when one of her students takes their life, Rachel loses her job. When her Mum finally passes, Rachel drowns in loss, struggling to manage alone. Only when things are blurred to extremes, can she see clearly enough to trust in loved ones, and find her way out of this subconscious maze.



Dramatic Pool scenes intertwine main action, and comic dialogue, with Rachel:

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Metaphor:

- trying to be focused, healthy, and de-stress
- encountering flashbacks of 'happy' family memories at the beach
- experiencing delusions of her late husband calling her
- struggling to recall how to swim and where she is
- hallucinating she is alone in the water
- drowning and discovering there's no one to save her



CHARACTERS

& Cast (Unattached)



RACHEL (50)



ABBY (17)
Daughter



JOEL (12)
Son



SEAN (45)
Late /
Ex-Husband



MAGGIE (80)
Mother



ELISSA (40)
Friend/Yoga
buddy



HOLLY (30)
Pregnant
Tenant



LOUISE (45)
Soccer
Mum



MR PAULSEN (60)
School
Principal



MANDY (40)
Real Estate
Manager



LUCY (25)
Real
Estate
Assistant



BRAYDEN (45)
Blind Date



MILO (45)
Blind Date

Other characters:

- **STUDENTS**
- **NURSE**
- **CARER**
- **FACILITY ADMIN**
- **DOCTOR**
- **DENTAL NURSE**
- **IMAGING NURSE**
- **CASHIER**
- **CHILD**
- **OLD LADY**



COMPARISONS:





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