

RUBY MOON

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YEAR 12 ATAR DRAMA
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SYNOPSIS

THE STORY REVOLVES AROUND SYLVIE AND RAY MOON, A COUPLE FROM THE FICTIONAL TOWN OF FLAMING TREE GROVE, WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF THEIR YOUNG DAUGHTER, RUBY, WHO LEFT TO VISIT HER GRANDMA AND NEVER CAME BACK.

THE CASE HAS LONG GONE COLD, AND THEY'RE ALMOST READY TO GIVE UP HOPE, UNTIL THE ARM OF RUBY'S DOLL TURNS UP IN THEIR LETTER BOX. DESPERATE FOR ANSWERS, THEY GO UP AND DOWN THE STREET AND INTERVIEW THEIR NEIGHBORS ABOUT THE INCIDENT. THEY ENCOUNTER MANY ECCENTRIC CHARACTERS, INCLUDING A BIBLE-THUMPING OLD WOMAN, AN EX-SOLDIER WHO STILL LIVES WITH HIS MOTHER, RUBY'S CREEPY BABYSITTER AND EVEN A MAD SCIENTIST.

ANY ONE OF THEM COULD BE RESPONSIBLE.

THROUGH THE PLAY THE COUPLE ARE HAUNTED BY THE PRESENCE OF 'THE WIZARD'- A FORMER RUNAWAY WHO RETURNED HOME TO FIND HIS PARENTS HAD MOVED AWAY. HE IS NEVER SEEN, BUT WILL OFTEN KNOCK ON THE MOONS' DOOR. THE ENDING IS ONE *HELL* OF A MIND SCREW. IT COMBINES ELEMENTS OF ABSURDISM, GOTHIC HORROR, AND FAIRY TALES WITH THE PARANOIA OF POST-9/11 SUBURBIA AS WELL AS DRAWING INSPIRATION FROM REAL-LIFE HEADLINES ABOUT MISSING CHILDREN.

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CAST

TYPICALLY, THE SHOW IS ONLY EVER PLAYED BY 2 ACTORS - ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE WHO PLAY EVERY ROLE AND CHANGE RAPIDLY BEFORE YOUR EYES. IN ORDER FOR THIS PLAY TO WORK FOR OUR CAST, STUDENTS ROTATE CHARACTERS AND WEAR COSTUMES TO RESEMBLE THE ROLE THEY HAVE ASSUMED. SOME INTERPRETATIONS OF THE CHARACTER MAY DIFFER OR BLEND INTO ONE ANOTHER.

**HAYLEY BAKRESKI
JOSHUA BILNEY
JAYDEN BUTT
MIA DAVIES
PHOEBE FAIRLESS
ZACHARY IRVINE
LILLY KING
JOEL KIRKBRIGHT
JACK MCBLANE
DANIKA SCHICKER
AVA SILSBY
HANNAH WILLIAMS
LUCY WRENN**

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THE PROCESS

WHILST STUDYING THIS PLAY FOR THEIR ATAR EXAMS, STUDENTS ALL AGREED THAT THEY WOULD LOVE TO JUMP ON STAGE AND PERFORM THIS SHOW. WE QUICKLY CAST THE SHOW AND BEGAN INFUSING THEIR LEARNING OF VARIOUS PRACTITIONERS TO THEIR SCENES AND APPROACHED TO CHARACTERISATION.

WITH AN EXTREMELY LIMITED REHEARSAL PERIOD, MOST OF WHAT YOU SEE HAS BEEN DEVISED AND CREATED BY THE STUDENTS.

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WE WILL MISS YOU**