

MAMA'S GOING TO BUY YOU A MOCKING BIRD

TV MOVIE



PRODUCER
Bill Gough

DIRECTOR
Sandy Wilson

WRITTEN BY
Anna Sandor

CAST
Linda Griffiths,
Geoff Bowes,
Louis Tripp,
Marsha Moreau,
Rosa Barker-Anderson,
Martha Gibson

DURATION
120 minutes



What do you do when the most important person in your life is gone?

SYNOPSIS

John Talbot is an energetic teacher, a devoted husband, and a fun-loving father. He is best pals with son Jeremy – a fellow bird watcher and crooner of their favourite fifties tune. But their good times end abruptly when they find out John has cancer.

That summer at the lake is marked by precious moments – like the magic night when they spy a mysterious owl, and Mom's birthday party when Dad buys presents for everyone, including a sculpted owl for Jeremy. The comforting little bird makes its way into the hands of each family member as each tries to deal with John's fate.

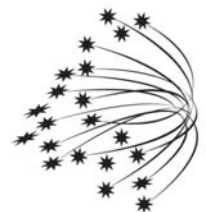
Back at school and faced with prying questions, Jeremy is surprised to find a good friend in Tess, a gawky girl whom his father had wanted him to like. Tess seems to have an instinct for being there at the right time, offering an emotional maturity that Jeremy has yet to gain.

When his Dad dies, Jeremy's anger blinds him to the value of his friendship with Tess and to the emotional needs of his mother and younger sister. He doesn't want any part of Christmas.

Finally, one small incident wakens Jeremy to the responsibilities he must accept. He lets his father's spark shine

through and realizes that memories, like the home movies his Dad loved to take, can make you feel good. Through Jeremy, his father will live on.

Based on the award-winning novel by Jean Little, MAMA'S GOING TO BUY YOU A MOCKING BIRD is directed by Sandy Wilson, whose *My American Cousin* swept the 1986 Genie Awards. It is written by the award-winning Anna Sandor and produced by Bill Gough, acclaimed for their work on Charlie Grant's *War and The Marriage Bed*.



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