

STRANGE BUT TRUE ⁽¹²⁾



Fast Sell:

Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood's Margaret Qualley stars alongside Love, Simon's Nick Robinson, Oscar nominee Greg Kinnear, and Emmy winner Brian Cox, in an intense, absorbing mystery thriller about trust, tragedy and betrayal, from the producers of *The Hole in the Ground* and *Destroyer*.

Synopsis:

Laid up with a broken leg, Philip is living with his mother Charlene in upstate New York. It's been five years since the death of Philip's brother Ronnie, a devastating blow that has torn the Chase family apart. When they receive a visit from Melissa, Ronnie's former girlfriend at the time of his death, wounds are re opened. Heavily pregnant, Melissa is under the belief that her unborn baby belongs to Ronnie.

Leaving Charlene angry and Philip incredulous, Melissa returns home to the cottage she rents from Gail and her husband Bill, a former police officer who now owns the hardware store where Melissa works. When Philip suggests that Melissa's revelation isn't impossible, Charlene calls Richard, her ex-husband - and father to Philip and Ronnie - now living in Florida with his new wife. Could it be that Melissa is giving birth to Ronnie's child? Stranger things have happened. But the truth is altogether more alarming...

We like it because:

A story of love, loss and hope, *Strange But True*, based on the bestselling novel by John Searles, grabs hold of the viewer from its opening scene, with a young man (the brilliant Nick Robinson, star of *Love, Simon*) being pursued



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KEY TALENT INFORMATION

Cast:

- **Margaret Qualley** (*Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood; Death Note*)
- **Nick Robinson** (*Jurassic World; Love, Simon*)
- **Amy Ryan** (*Birdman; Gone Baby Gone*)
- **Brian Cox** (*Manhunter; The Bourne Supremacy*)
- **Greg Kinnear** (*As Good As It Gets; Little Miss Sunshine*)
- **Blythe Danner** (*Meet the Parents; Will & Grace*)
- **Mena Massoud** (*Aladdin; Jack Ryan*)

Director:

- **Rowan Athale** (*Wasteland*)

Writer

- **Eric Garcia** (*Matchstick Men; Repo Men*)

Producers

- **Fred Berger** (*Destroyer; La La Land*)
- **Hilary Davis** (*The Hole in the Ground; War On Everyone*)

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through the woods, and unfolds into a taut and intriguing mystery thriller that's impossible to second guess.

Margaret Qualley, currently wowing audiences with a scene-stealing performance in Tarantino's *Once Upon A Time... In Hollywood*, proves herself to be a beguiling screen presence as Melissa, a young woman with a deep dark secret. Amy Ryan (*Birdman*) is powerful and emotional as a mother attempting to unravel the mystery of Melissa's return.

British director Rowan Athale (*The Wasteland*) deftly handles the twists and turns of the puzzle-like plot, and draws marvellous performances from his formidable cast, including Academy Award nominee Greg Kinnear (*As Good As It Gets*), Emmy winners Blythe Danner (*Meet the Parents*) and Brian Cox (*Manhunter*), and Aladdin himself Mena Massoud.

Featuring a dysfunctional family dynamic, flourishes of dark Americana, a creeping sense of dread, and an audacious and unsettling shift in the final reels that leads to a mesmerising final sequence, *Strange But True* is a riveting mix of drama and thriller in the mould of *13 Reasons Why*, *Gone Girl* and *Prisoners*.

