

“A CRYIN’ SHAME”

based on a true story

An original approach to a true story of wrongful conviction, “A Cryin’ Shame” is a disturbing psychological study of the aftermath of alcoholism and suicide.

Beautiful, blonde Donna Lawrence moves her family to Nova Scotia in pursuit of a “safe” place to raise her sons. The countryside is idyllic, but the resentment and mistrust of the locals towards outsiders leads to a series of confrontations. When their farmhouse burns down under suspicious circumstances, Donna must find a job while her husband, Roland, rebuilds. With an impressive resume and confident demeanor, Donna lands an enviable position with the Department of Economic Development, providing yet another source of resentment for this “come from away”.

Donna seems to be in control of her almost perfect life, despite recurring dark images from her childhood: disturbing visions of a severely alcoholic mother. But, when an automobile accident results in accusations of drunk driving against her, the post-traumatic stress causes these images to completely take over.

Donna’s Shame and Guilt, combined with the community’s prejudice and malicious gossip, result in an unjust verdict at trial, with tragic consequences.

“A Cryin’ Shame” is a gripping, cautionary tale that brings to life the adage “Deal with your demons or your demons will deal with you.”

The role of Donna Lawrence is a challenging and potentially award-winning role for an actress in her late thirties or early forties.

“A Cryin’ Shame” compares with films such as “In the Bedroom” or “The Deep End”.

