

Film Summary

This is a low budget, artisan film rather than a mainstream typical Hollywood blockbuster. It centres on the 21 year old quirky and rebellious April who is the estranged daughter of a typical American family. Her mother has been diagnosed with terminal breast cancer and April has invited her family to a thanksgiving dinner which she herself will prepare. April's attempts to make the dinner involves a set of colourful as well as eccentric characters which include her kindly boyfriend Bobby.

Her mother has agreed to come, much against her better judgment and the film simultaneously follows April's culinary exploits together with her family's car journey. April's priggish sister, together with her pot smoking brother who shares a joint with his mother, her father who is acting as a peacemaker and forgetful grandma, make their way to April's flat situated in a poor area of New York.

The film has colourful characters, subtle humour, is lingeringly poignant and has a heart-warming conclusion.

Classification 12 Duration: 1h 21