

FOR SALE

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Burdened with family and financial problems, four individuals from different social classes think buying a house will solve all their problems. Instead, their lives get turned upside down with the housing market crash of 2008.

ROBERT buys his spoiled wife (TIFFANY) and daughter (DANIELLE) everything they could ever wish for, but still feels unappreciated and worlds apart. At dinner with a friend, Robert is convinced the only way left to connect with his family would be to get them out of town. If he bought a cozy cabin in the mountains they could get away on weekends and bond as a family. TREVOR has lived in the same trailer with his wife (ROSE) for over twenty years. He thinks he's a failure who is unable to give his wife the house of her dreams. He buys a lottery ticket everyday hoping to strike it rich. One night while going through the mail he finds a brochure for a company financing "All Home Buyers! No Matter What Their Income!". MICHAEL, a recent college graduate, believes after remodeling and selling his first house, he is on the path to easy street. Celebrating his sale that night he immediately hits it off with his attractive waitress (NICOLE). Feeling on top of the world he asks her out on a date. JOCELYN chats with her next-door neighbor, a housing developer, and gets assured buying a house would be the perfect investment for her two young children's college fund. That night when she mentions the idea to her condescending CPA husband (FRED), he says he'll handle the finances; her job is to worry about the kids.

Each believes buying a house will solve all their problems. Robert buys a secluded cabin deep in the mountains hoping it will bring his family closer together, but they hate it so much it actually pushes them further apart. Trevor, housing brochure in hand, goes down to the real estate office and is swindled into buying a massive four bedroom house far beyond anything he can afford. He surprises Rose with keys to the brand new house, she is ecstatic to finally have her dream come true. Michael's real estate agent persuades him into buying a shabby house that last saw any maintenance when Carter was in office. As Michael begins with renovations, he discovers the house is much worse off than he originally believed. To prove she is just as financially savvy as her husband, Jocelyn secretly buys a house from her contractor neighbor.

With the collapse of the stock market, their lives start to spiral out of control. Robert's business dries up almost overnight, but he still can't stop from buying his wife and daughter whatever they desire.

Jocelyn remodels her house and after some unexpected expenses list it with a real estate agency, only to return a month later to discover the entire agency has closed its door for lack of sales. Jocelyn tries to sell the house on her own, but with no luck. Since their first date Nicole has moved in with Michael to help fix up the house, but she has grown increasingly frustrated. She can't take the constant mess and delays anymore; the house is always a month behind schedule. In a fit of rage Nicole leaves telling Michael she's ready to start a family and grow up, not fix houses for the rest of her life. Even with a raise at work, his wife's paycheck and borrowing money from his brother; Trevor still can't make the mortgage. Distraught he breaks the news to Rose, as they gut everything of value out of the house and move back to the trailer park. Jocelyn's husband discovers she has been taking money out of their savings account for her investment house, and throws her out of their home and marriage. Suddenly alone in her investment house, crying and watching a "Little House on the Prairie" rerun, Jocelyn decides getting out of the busy city and back to basics in the country would be the best way to raise her kids. Robert closes down his business and moves what little remains into his home office. He finally confronts his wife telling her they'll have to start spending less, and may even have to sell their home. She explodes demanding a divorce and leaves him for her tennis instructor. His daughter also abandons him to go live with her mother, Robert's first wife.

Heartbroken Rose begs Trevor to stop wasting money, especially on lottery tickets, and save as much as they can so one day they can move back into their house. The next day Trevor goes out to buy his last lottery ticket. On the way home he discovers it's a winning ticket! Not telling his wife about the ticket, he goes out to find a house. Appearing at Michael's doorstep, Trevor falls in love with the now finished house and buys it. Trevor takes Rose again for a car ride, and surprises her with the new house. After punishing him for buying another lottery ticket, Rose is overjoyed to learn there is no mortgage. Jocelyn with bills piling up is afraid any minute cops will be barging in her house. She hears loud banging coming from her door, frightened she peeks out to discover Michael, wanting a tour of the house. Once Michael finds out it's only a few blocks away from an elementary school, he is sold. Robert meets up with his daughter Danielle after the divorce and has a real connection with her for the first time in years. Realizing time together is what they need to rekindle their father-daughter relationship. Michael surprises Nicole at her doorstep with flowers. Ready to take their relationship to the next level, to grow up and begin a family. Jocelyn, after buying Robert's cabin takes her kids away from the TV back to nature. Fishing with her kids Jocelyn feels like she has recaptured the nurturing skills she thought long lost. Ultimately, each one discovers that family is what truly makes them happy and complete.