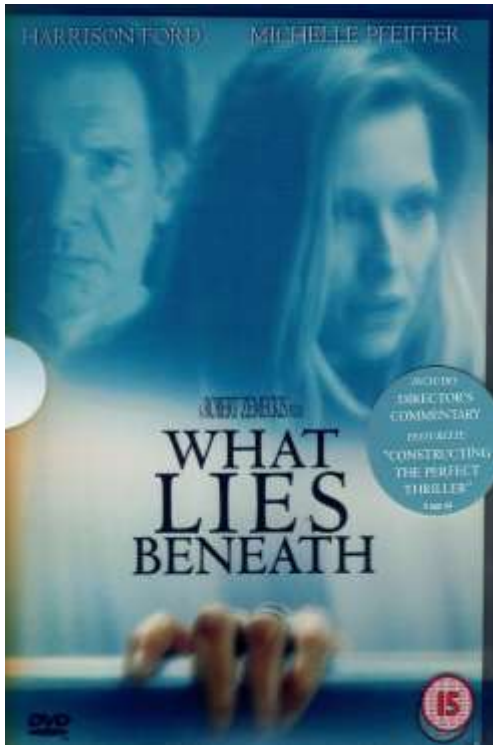


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## Title: **What Lies Beneath**



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## Information

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**What Lies Beneath**

HARRISON FORD    MICHELLE PFEIFFER

The man  
the perfect husband  
will be no match  
for his wife.

ROBERT ZEMECKIS  
**WHAT LIES BENEATH**

Theatrical release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	Robert Zemeckis
<b>Screenplay by</b>	Clark Gregg
<b>Story by</b>	Sarah Kernochan Clark Gregg
<b>Produced by</b>	Jack Rapke Robert Zemeckis Steve Starkey
<b>Starring</b>	Michelle Pfeiffer Harrison Ford Diana Scarwid Miranda Otto James Remar
<b>Cinematography</b>	Don Burgess
<b>Edited by</b>	Arthur Schmidt
<b>Music by</b>	Alan Silvestri
<b>Production companies</b>	DreamWorks Pictures 20th Century Fox ImageMovers
<b>Distributed by</b>	DreamWorks Distribution LLC (North America) 20th Century Fox (International)
<b>Release date</b>	July 21, 2000
<b>Running time</b>	130 minutes
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Budget</b>	\$100 million <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Box office</b>	\$291.4 million <sup>[1]</sup>

# Storyline

Former cellist Claire Spencer and her husband Norman, an accomplished scientist and professor, live a quiet life in Vermont. Their relationship seems slightly strained, particularly after Claire's daughter, Caitlin, leaves for college. Claire notices the new neighbours, Mary and Warren Feur, appear to have a volatile relationship. After Mary is unseen for several days, Claire suspects Warren may have killed her.

While by the lake next to their house, Claire believes she sees a woman's body in the water. She later discovers an odd key inside a heater vent. After unusual occurrences and sensing a presence in the house, Claire and her mystic friend, Jody, hold a failed séance. Claire later finds the bathtub filled with hot water and, "You know," written on the steamy mirror. Claire's computer inexplicably types "MEF" repeatedly. Claire becomes convinced it is the missing Mary's spirit, but Norman discounts this. Several days later, Mary returns home alive and well, explaining she went to her mothers in Providence after a fight with Warren.

A framed newspaper article about Norman mysteriously falls off his desk and shatters. On the article's reverse side, Claire reads a piece about a missing woman named Madison Elizabeth Frank ("MEF"). Claire tracks down and visits Madison's mother, who shows her Madison's bedroom. While there, Claire steals a lock of Madison's hair, and notices a photo of her wearing an unusual necklace.

Later that night, Claire, holding Madison's hair, performs a ritual from a book. She conjures Madison, whose spirit possesses her. While still possessed, Claire aggressively seduces Norman. Madison, speaking through Claire, shocks Norman. Claire, dropping the lock of hair, immediately becomes herself again. She then recalls a repressed memory about Norman's affair with a student. Norman admits it happened during a rough patch in their marriage. Claire leaves and spends the night with Jody, who reveals that a year earlier, she saw Norman arguing with a blonde woman at a café in Adamant, a nearby town.

Claire returns home and finds Norman unconscious in the tub. He seemingly recovers and claims it was an accident and not a suicide attempt. He denies killing Madison. Norman later finds Claire standing on the lake dock. Claire, holding Madison's hair, is pulled into the water by an unseen force. Dragged to the bottom, she sees a jewellery box with the same symbol as Madison's necklace. Before she can grab it, Norman has jumped in and pulls her to the surface. They then burn the lock of hair.

Claire later visits a shop in Adamant, where she sees a jewellery box with the same design as the one in the lake. Claire recovers the box from the lake and unlocks it with the key she previously found. Inside is Madison's necklace. Norman changes his story, claiming Madison killed herself in their house. He says he pushed her car into the lake with her body inside. Norman agrees to confess to authorities, but Claire discovers he dialled 411, and faked the conversation. Norman paralyzes Claire with halothane, and admits he murdered Madison when she threatened to expose their affair to the dean.

Norman places Claire in the bathtub, filling it with water to stage her suicide. He spots Madison's necklace around Claire's neck. When Claire's face seems to contort into Madison's corpse, Norman jerks back and smashes his head on the bathroom sink, rendering him unconscious. As the water level rises, Claire recovers enough from the paralysis to partially close the tap and then dislodge the stopper, barely surviving drowning. Norman has left the bathroom and she finds him seemingly unconscious downstairs. She flees in the couple's truck. As she crosses the bridge over Lake Champlain, Norman, hiding in the truck bed, attacks Claire, who frantically dials 911 on her cell phone. The truck careens down the embankment into the lake. As it sinks, it dislodges Madison's car. Madison's body floats toward the couple as Norman tries to drown Claire. Madison grabs Norman's arm, shocking him, which allows Claire to escape. Norman drowns and Madison's ghost drifts away. Later that winter, Claire places a red rose on Madison's grave.

# Cast

Harrison Ford as Dr Norman Spencer, a successful college professor and scientist.

Michelle Pfeiffer as Claire Spencer, Norman's wife.

Diana Scarwid as Jody, a mystic and Claire's best friend.

Miranda Otto as Mary Feur, Norman and Claire's neighbour.

James Remar as Warren Feur, Norman and Claire's neighbour and Mary's husband.

Katharine Towne as Caitlin Spencer, Claire's daughter and Norman's stepdaughter.

Ray Baker as Dr Stan Powell

Joe Morton as Dr Drayton, a therapist whom Claire visits upon Norman's urging.

Amber Valletta as Madison Elizabeth Frank, a murdered young woman with whom Norman has had an affair.  
Wendy Crewson as Elena

### **Parents Guide**

#### **Certification**

Argentina:13 Australia:M Brazil:14 Canada:14A (Canadian Home Video rating) Canada:13+ (Quebec) Colombia:18 Denmark:15 Egypt:Not Rated (DVD rating) Finland:K-14 France:12 Germany:16 (w) Greece:K-16 Hong Kong:IIB Hungary:18 Hungary:16 (TV rating) Iceland:16 India:UA (re-rating) India:A (2000, original rating) Ireland:15 Italy:VM14 Japan:R Mexico:B Netherlands:16 New Zealand:M Nigeria:12A Norway:15 Philippines:PG-13 Poland:12 Portugal:M/16 Russia:16+ Saudi Arabia:R12 Singapore:PG Singapore:PG13 (Disney+ rating) South Korea:15 Spain:13 Sweden:15 Switzerland:14 (canton of Geneva) Switzerland:14 (canton of Vaud) United Kingdom:15 United States:PG-13 (certificate #37554)

**Sex & Nudity** - Mild **Violence & Gore** – Moderate **Profanity** – Mild **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** – None **Frightening & Intense Scenes** - Moderate

MPAA Rated PG-13 for terror/violence, sensuality and brief language

