

Synopsis of Echoes by Rich Brunner

Maggie is a reclusive, middle-aged woman who works from home. She writes a travel blog about places she has never and probably will never visit, and takes extraordinary pride in taking care of her mother.

Her mother, Penelope, at times a seemingly absent-minded free spirit and at others a secretive and tortured soul, wants to fend for herself.

Maggie's daughter, Allison, is a transient figure who nevertheless has an enormous impact on both her mother's and grandmother's lives.

The three women's lives are turned upside down when Maggie starts to date Jacob. Maggie becomes belligerently obsessed with her mother's well-being, provoking Penelope to worry about a certain 'relapse'. Penelope calls upon the help and guidance of her good friend, Harold, who is also Maggie's old therapist.

Throughout the play, Maggie works to alienate everyone in her life as she struggles to reconcile her confused feelings about a past that is both murky and terrifyingly real.