

WINTER'S END

A Synopsis

Winter's End tells the story of Henry Rose, a 45yr old embittered farmer who lives on an isolated farm with his younger half sister Amy and half brother Sean. Henry has loved but once in his life, and lost that woman due to her discovery that he is unable to father children, the result of a freak childhood accident. To make matters much worse, less than 12 months after her break-up with Henry, she married a wealthy neighboring farmer with a holding 6 or 7 times the size of Henry's.

From Amy's point of view, Henry's growing erratic behaviour presents her with an impossible situation. Living on an isolated farm with 2 brothers, the younger of which, Sean is slightly retarded and the older teetering on the edge of reason, means she has no one to turn to for help. The logical thing for Amy Rose to do is to run and keep on running, but she is far too selfless and reasons that they are her family and no matter what, she must look out for them. Henry is prone to violent outbursts toward Amy, yet shrewd enough to hide them from the youngest of the siblings, Sean, whose unquestioning adulation Henry enjoys.

Once a year in the locality, a big open-air concert is held and once a year Henry allows cars to park in a front field for a fee. And this is where our story begins. This provides an ideal opportunity for Henry to pick his unsuspecting victim and lure him to his remote farmhouse. Once there, the young man Jack Davis, is overpowered and held against his will in chains completely unaware of Henry's insane plan. Amy, reluctant to challenge Henry for fear of a beating, yet also unwilling to contact the police in the sure knowledge that such an act would spell doom for her small dysfunctional family, attempts to provide sustenance and care to the captive Jack.

Jack realizes that the logical conclusion to his situation lies in his own murder and tries desperately to convince Amy of his fear. But either due to naiveté or an unwillingness to face the truth Amy still refuses to believe Jack and contact the police.

But the day and the hour comes when Amy comes face to face with the truth and that Jack will indeed die if she does nothing. But is it now too late to help him. Amy must now do the one thing she has avoided for so many years, make choices, but at what cost to the Rose family.