

Expectations

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Guilt, knowledge and secrecy can tear families apart. A genetic mutation can tear chromosomes apart, which can destroy parent's Expectations of their first child. This excellent play explores two very different sets of parents with a disabled child. Is a disabled child's life as valuable as a non disabled? Is it worth the extra care needed from the parents? Do medical professionals or social services do enough to support disabled children's parents? These questions take up the majority of this 70 minute play. Performed English and Swedish, this play is based on the life of the daughter of actors in this piece of theatre.

The English family are not aware of their child's deformity but the Sweeds are. This piece of information has a huge impact on each family. Some of the scenes have outstanding acting and these performers had the audience in tears more than one. The play becomes a tad confusing when the mothers try to meet to exchange information on each others circumstances, the acting in this violent scene though was flawless

Expectations exceeded all expectations of how well a disabled child's parents life could be acted.

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