

# DAUGHTER OF THE SUN SYNOPSIS

## **One line (less than 90 characters):**

A girl lives on the run with her father who struggles with Tourette's and harbors a volatile super power.

## **Abbreviated (less than 200 characters):**

A 12 year old girl lives on the run with her father who has Tourette Syndrome. Wanting nothing more than a normal family life, she befriends a community of outcasts who want to harness a volatile supernatural power her father is hiding.

## **Short Synopsis:**

DAUGHTER OF THE SUN is a nostalgic, 1970s throwback. Part supernatural drama, part road-trip adventure, part coming-of-age film, it tells a magic realist story about the power of paternal love and the search for meaning in a world that has no place for those who are different. Artfully blending the real and the fantastic, it is a vividly poetic tale about Hildie, a young girl teetering on the edge of womanhood as she struggles with the uncertainties of life being raised by a single, disabled father, Sonny, who hides a secret superpower that can alter the course of their lives. After meeting a group of friendly nomads who conceal darker intentions, Hildie's world takes a perilous turn. In a heart-wrenching climax that tests the limits of love, she uncovers the true extent of her own powers for the first time, forever changing the fate of her and her father's intertwined destinies.

## **Full Synopsis:**

Set in the grimy inner-city and the vast rural countryside, DAUGHTER OF THE SUN follows the story of HILDIE, 12, a headstrong pre-teen girl and her father, SONNY, 30s, an explosive and unstable loner with Tourette Syndrome. On the run for years from social services and their dysfunctional family, Hildie and Sonny cart around their belongings in an old pickup truck, living from motel to motel, school to school, and job to job.

With Hildie bullied at school and Sonny unable to hold a steady job, the two live as perpetual outsiders with only each other to depend on. Sonny takes meds to dull his Tourette's, but his disorder is not all he needs to keep in check. He also has a secret ability to heal, a power he fears is starting to take a darker turn. To complicate matters, Hildie is starting to develop the same supernatural ability that her dad has.

Sonny often speaks of a strange "other world" from which their powers emanate and to which he believes they belong. Frightened by the thought, Hildie wonders if there is anywhere on this earth she and her father will ever call home.

After an unexpected phone call from Sonny's vindictive sister who has tracked them down at their motel threatening to take Hildie away, they pack up and hit the road again. Trekking through the majestic countryside, Hildie and Sonny find a remote town where they befriend a community of fellow travelers, some of whom have disorders and disabilities similar to Sonny's.

As time goes on, the group's leader, SAMARA, 20s, a charismatic woman with Down Syndrome, reveals that she believes Hildie and Sonny are conduits who will lead the group to the "other world" of which Sonny has spoken.

Eventually, Samara and her followers kidnap Hildie and threaten her life, causing Sonny to fiercely unleash the darker side of his superpower.

In the end, Hildie must come to Sonny's rescue, summoning her own strength and unique power for the first time if she and her father are to escape together and live the normal life they've always dreamt of.