



Off White Lies

Film Study Guide

Director: Maya Kenig

2000 | Fiction | 86 Minutes | Israel | Hebrew | Unrated

<https://www.gumfilms.com/projects/white-lies>

Synopsis: Shy teenager Libby moves back to Israel to live with her hapless father Shaul, unexpectedly finding herself without a home as war breaks out around them. Shaul devises a creative solution: posing as refugees, they are taken in by a wealthy family in Jerusalem. Finally, in a “normal” household, Shaul and Libby begin to build their father-daughter relationship, but their false identities can’t last forever.

Post-Screening Discussion Questions

1. What is an “off white lie”? What are some examples of off white lies told by the characters throughout the film?
2. Research the conflict between Hezbollah and Israel. How is the conflict depicted in the film?
3. How are Libby and her father Shaul impacted by the war?
4. Imagine you were in Libby’s shoes. Would you go along with your father’s deceptions? Does Libby have a choice not to?
5. Do you think that Shaul is a good father? Why or why not?

6. Do you find yourself telling off white lies? Why do you think you do or do not? Why is it important to be honest?
7. How does Libby change throughout the course of the film? How does Shaul change throughout the course of the film?
8. How does conflict around us (in our country or community) impact our personal relationships?
9. Why is it difficult to communicate with a family member who is estranged? What communication challenges do Libby and Shaul face when they reunite after being apart?
10. Who is your favorite character in the film and why?