

## ***Sweet Kisses - Tender Limbs Synopsis***

*Sweet Kisses - Tender Limbs* tells a tale of a woman's journey through motherhood and her lonely battle against a nameless horror within.

We first begin with her childhood memories as she imagines what it would be like to have a baby and dreams of an idyllic bond with her child. We are then transported through time as we watch her being pregnant, going through labour and caring for a newborn. It seems as though everything is falling into place, and yet she feels like something is wrong. The days and months pass by and her world becomes smaller as less and less joyful visitors stop by. She is often left alone with her baby which allows her thoughts to drift to darker places. To escape these thoughts, she fills her days with what a new mom should do such as, breastfeeding, changing diapers, and even Mommy & Me classes. However, nothing distracts her from a slow paranoid spiral into unexplained sadness.

She begins to see things that are not real as her perception of reality blurs. Feelings of inadequacy and anger overwhelm her and when she looks at her child she feels nothing. She wonders what it would be like if she loved her child and what a terrible mother she has become. She is paranoid that something or someone is watching and judging her and fears her child might be taken away. She feels her baby may be better off without her and battles her violent thoughts towards both her and her child.