



The
Mysterious Bottle
A children's television play

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CAST
(in order of appearance)

ETHAN	Aged 12
BETH	Aged 14
AUNT CHARLOTTE	Late 40s
UNCLE MALCOLM	Late 40s
PARROTT (DON BRADMAN)	Australian
COTTESLOE STAGE HANDS	
NICK SAVAGE (Theatre Director)	Mid 40s
BOY IN PLAYGROUND	Aged 13
TIMMS	Aged 15
MR FROODGER (Teacher)	Early 40s
PUPILS 1, 2 & 3	Aged 12 (all boys)
MRS SUSLOV	
MRS FARLEIGH (teacher)	Scottish - 30s
MRS PATEL (teacher)	
EMMA (pupil in Mrs Patel's class)	
BOY (pupil in Economics)	
PASSING WOMAN	
NEWSREADER ON RADIO	
POLICEMAN IN CAR	
WOMAN IN STREET	
ZARA	Aged 14
ANGRY WEEKEND SAILOR	
MAN 1, 2 and 3	
WOMAN ON BOAT COMING UPSTREAM	
RIVER POLICE	
POLICE MAN TRYING TO ARREST CHILDREN	
EXTRAS	

SCENE 1. INT: OPEN BEDROOM WINDOW: EARLY MORNING - DAY

FROM **BETH'S** PERSPECTIVE LOOKING OUT OF HER LARGE OPEN BEDROOM WINDOW STRAIGHT ONTO A RUSTLING TREE FRAMED BY BLOOD RED SUN GLOWING THROUGH. FROM THE GROUND WE HEAR **ETHAN** CALLING IN A LOUD WHISPER.

	ETHAN
	Come on, Beth!
	BETH
	I can't!
	ETHAN
	Yes you can. It's easy.
	BETH TENTATIVELY LOOKS BEHIND HER.
	BETH
	Shh!
	ETHAN
	Hurry up!
	BETH
	Okay!

SCENE 2. AUNT CHARLOTTE'S BEDROOM

CUT TO A SLEEPING **CHARLOTTE**.

SCENE 3. GARDEN SCENE: EXT: EARLY MORNING

FROM **ETHAN'S** POINT OF VIEW WE SEE **BETH** REACHING OUT TO GRAB THE NEAREST BRANCH.
CUT TO **ETHAN** AT BOTTOM OF TREE.

	ETHAN
	Got the money?
	BETH
	[Nodding] Yes of course I've got the money.