

TWO WORLDS

Chapter 1: Daisy

9:10 am alarm goes off

“OMG I FORGOT ABOUT THE TRIP WITH DAD AND ROSE.” Daisy says falling off her bed and running to her closet. “MOM”, she says, calling downstairs. “Yes dear, are you ready? Your dad and Rose should be on their way now”, her mom says. “NO MOM THAT'S WHY I'M CALLING YOU NOW WHY DIDN'T YOU REMIND ME IT WAS TODAY.” Daisy says running down the stairs to the kitchen. “I'm so sorry honey I completely forgot because Wyatt had a fever last night”. Daisy's face went from angry to disappointed because she should have known that was the reason. In her family it is her,her younger half brothers; Logan, Adam, Ryan and Wyatt along with her mom Katie and her stepdad Sam. Unlike most people whose parents are not together Daisy's mom and dad are friends. She was a surprise pregnancy and her parents had already split when her mom figured out she was pregnant. But here's the twist after her mom found out she was pregnant her dad and his current girlfriend had also found out they were pregnant and that she would have a half little sister who is going to be two months younger than her and that girl is Rose. Rose is PERFECT in every way her mom and dad are together and she has it all. She goes to a private school. She drives a BMW. She is an award winning violin player. She is Ms. Perfect.

Chapter 2: Rose

9:10 am alarm goes off

Rose's mom turns off the alarm, brings her breakfast in bed and continues to pack her things for the trip with her dad and Daisy.

"Rose lets go. Your dad will be ready to leave in about an hour so you guys can pick up your sister and start your drive to Brigantine. Brigantine is so nice this time of year. You girls are going to have a great time at the beach house.", says Rose's mom.

Rose says, "mom, I know I am waking up. I was exhausted from practice last night. Ms. Gwen made me stay an hour later to prepare for my college auditions. If only I were Daisy. She has a carefree life. Her mom doesn't pressure her, she hangs out with her friends on the weekends. She's a cheerleader and has a football player boyfriend. And she has brothers so she is never alone. It would be nice to have someone to hang out with siblings everyday."

Chapter 3: Daisy and Rose

Daisy, put your seatbelt on and say hi to your sister. "You girls are cranky this morning, said their dad. He then started his normal lecture about the trip. He said, "this is the one time of year it's just the three of us. We get to hang out, make dinner, and talk. You girls are getting older and this may be one of our last trips since you both will be headed to college next year. It's hard to believe that 17 years later you girls can still pass for twins. I got some strong genes."

Once they arrive at the beach house the girls head to their room while their dad runs to the market to get supplies for tonight's bbq. The girls start complaining about their moms and how sick they are of them. Daisy says her mom is oblivious to the fact that she even exists. She is so

focused on my stupid brothers and all their issues. I can't think straight in that house. Then Rose chimes and says you think you got it bad my mom is obsessed with me. She only cares about grades, appearances and status. It's like I am a trophy daughter. And then at the same time they both said, " I need a break from my mom."

Chapter 4: The Plan

Over the next week, Daisy and Rose start to consider switching places. They think they can pull it off. Their dad can barely tell them apart and everyone else gets them confused all the time. So they decide they will switch places until Christmas when they get together again for the holiday party in the Poconos. Both girls think the other's life is perfect. On Sunday the girls switched luggage bags and cell phones and gave each other one last big hug and got into the car.

Chapter 5: The Switch

Daisy has been to her dad's house on Rock Creek Road many times but today when the gate opened and they drove up the driveway it just felt different. She's never lived with her dad on a day to day basis. And she's excited to see how he is when they're not on vacation. She imagined herself as Belle walking into Beast castle. But when they got to the door, Rose's mom was there to let them in. She has a tracker on her phone and knew we were home. As soon as I got inside she started running down the list of to do's. She would not stop talking. My dad disappeared into his office, I didn't see him for the rest of the night. All of sudden it hit me, as

he closed the door and left us alone, he was just as absent for Rose as he was for me. In a way I felt relieved because I thought he just liked her more because he was with her everyday but he isn't involved with either of us on a day -to-day basis it seems.

Once I got to Rose's room it was like a trophy case. She has won so many awards. I'm not that good at anything but maybe cheer. Her mom came into her room with a snack and started planning the week. She offered to run me a bath. This woman is needy.

Rose was dropped off and heading inside Daisy's house. She took a deep breath and actually had to use the key to get inside. Her mom usually met her at the door. They lived in a nice section of University City near Penn but the house was not what she was used to. As soon as Rose walked in, all hell broke loose. The boys were running around like animals. Daisy's mom was chasing behind them. Her stepdad was just sitting on the couch watching the Eagles like nothing was going on. Daisy's mom gave her a hug and said "Did you enjoy your vacation?" and in the next breath she said " can you give me a hand and make dinner?" I have to get the boys in the tub. As I am standing there in shock Daisy's phone starts ringing like crazy. Everyone wants to know if she's back home. OMG

Chapter 6: The Meltdowns

After about a month both girls are losing their minds. Neither mom has any sense. Both houses are far from perfect. The girls sit down with their new moms and ask them some hard questions.

Daisy asks Rose's mom "why are you obsessed with me? I can not breathe in this house." Everytime I turn around you are right there. I need some space. Her mom turns to her with tears in her eyes and says, " my mom died when I was eight. I had a hard time growing up without her. My dad did the best he could be. He wasn't very attentive or affectionate. He wanted me to be happy but didn't spend a lot of time with me. So I promised myself that if I ever had children I would make sure they knew I cared about them and be active in their lives." Daisy gave her hug and told her I know how much she cares but it is okay to lighten up a little.

Rose asks Daisy's mom, "why don't you care about me? Why are you never here for me?" She sat next to Rose and said," I feel like I let you down. Your dad and I aren't together. We don't live on Rock Creek Road. These boys take up all my time and I don't think you want me around. You are stronger than I've ever been. You're smart and determined to get to NYU. I am so proud of you but don't want to get in your way." They hug and agree to have a date night once a month just the two of them away from the house.

Chapter 7: The Switch Back

Everyone meets at the Poconos house and they have Christmas dinner. Rose and Daisy go up to their room and share with each other the conversations they had with each other's mom. The girls begin to appreciate their moms and realize they are both loved and that nothing is perfect. They were both looking for perfection but realized imperfection is okay too, that's what makes a family perfection.

The Artist Statement:

I chose the perspective that both Daisy and Rose thought their moms didn't care about them for different reasons. I wanted to show that both of these moms loved their daughters and although they were not perfect they were the perfect mom for each sister despite how they were feeling.

The connection would have to be their moms. Moms usually make the family. They care for the children and take care of them and everything else. Both girls learned that their moms had made complicated but loving homes for them. And although neither of them had the perfect life they think they needed, they both had moms who were committed to them and loved them.

I chose to focus on their dad for the snapshot. He is actually what ties them together. And I wanted to show that he was just as absent for Rose as he was for Daisy. Daisy thought her dad would be so involved in her life if she lived with him but realized he was just like a couch/office potato. I think this helps Daisy to realize she isn't missing anything living with her mom.

I used dramatic irony in two areas. One to show that the perfect lives they thought the other was living was a lie. They both had chaotic homes. And secondly to show that their crazy moms were far from that. They were both loving women with the best of intentions and they truly loved their daughters.

I used thoughtshots when their girls gave the perspectives of each other's lives and when they talked about their moms. These thoughtshots allow the readers to better understand why the girls want to switch places and what they hope the switch will do to better their lives.

I tried to use perfection as the motif theme in the story. Both girls really believed the other's life was “perfect”. They both thought if they just had the other’s mom and life they would be better off and achieve perfection.

Dialogue helps advance the plot and reveal characters' thoughts and feelings. I used dialogue during the conversations they had with each other and with their moms. In doing so I hope I was able to communicate how the girls were feeling and move the story forward through the planning, switch and return.