

SYNOPSIS

Precious movie is a story about African American women in Harlem 1987. Precious Claireece Jones who is sixteen year old is an illiterate, overweight black girl. She is pregnant with her second children, both children fathered by her biological father, who has continually raped her since she was a child. Her infant daughter, Mongo who has Down syndrome lives with Precious' grandmother. Precious lives with her mother who abuses Precious both physically and emotionally. Mary does nothing but smoke, watches television and collects welfare. She does not ever look for a job and believes that education does nothing for Precious. Mary forces her daughter to collect welfare money in order to bring money into the household. To escape her life, Precious often daydreams of herself in glamorous situations as a model and actress. Because of her current pregnancy, Precious' principal transfers her into an alternative school where Ms. Blu Rain is working. In dealing with the school's sympathetic teacher Miss Blu Rain, Precious begins to believe that she can have a future by learning how to read and write.