

KIPPY



A Film Proposal

The Hidden Women of Rosie's Place

Logline

A shocking sight in blighted 1970 Boston, Massachusetts: Hidden homeless women disguised to get a bowl of soup at a men's shelter. Kip Tiernan embarks on a fiery, lifelong mission to open the first ever US shelter for women called Rosie's Place. Kip battles power and privilege to save the hidden women who, ultimately, save her.

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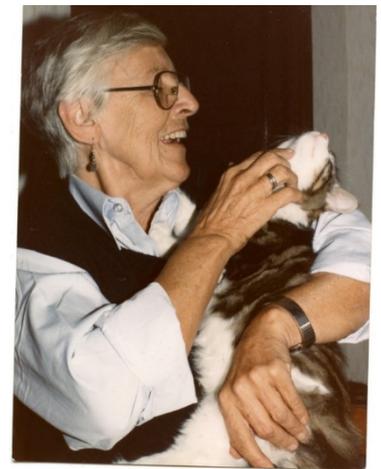
WHO WAS KIPPY?



A child of the Depression who ate supper with destitute strangers at her grandmother's kitchen table, Kippy becomes an urban advocate in men's trousers and a fishing hat, with a street-level view of poverty's toll.

Gay before it was tolerated and closeted in order to pursue her interests, she joins a band of radical priests who burn draft cards and protest the Vietnam War. Upon seeing homeless women on the streets of Boston, Kip finds her life's calling, and a deep compassion for society's forgotten. She begins Rosie's Place with a passion and a paltry 250 bucks in 1974.

While fighting to comfort women with nowhere to go, Kip faces her own demons at midlife and the cold indifference of a city unwilling to see the suffering in its shadows. The challenges come brutally fast, when serving coffee isn't enough and morphs into hunting for beds, saving lives, and battling neighbors who want to shut Rosie's down. Luckily, Kip is endowed with unmatched charm, a wicked sense of humor and a keen sense of justice.



"Who gets the condo and who gets the cardboard box?" – Kippy Tiernan



Basic Story Map

PROTAGONIST: Kip Tiernan – Founder Rosie’s Place

CHARACTERIZATION | MAIN MISBEHAVIOR: Rebel | Opinionated | Closeted | Alcoholic | Orphan

EXTERNAL GOAL: To help homeless women

INTERNAL GOAL: To find home

MAIN DRAMATIC CONFLICT: Bigots, politicians, apathy, addiction

THEMES: Underdog / Bullying / Bigotry / Class Distinctions / Home

CENTRAL DRAMATIC QUESTION: Will Rosie’s Place help homeless women feel human.

ENDING: A catastrophic incident shatters a fragile sense of security, and inspires an abiding humanity.

ARC: Kippy transforms from Boston PR Writer to one of the most revered social justice Heroes of our time.



The Writers

Beth Healy is a veteran journalist for The Boston Globe and Kip Tiernan’s biographer. She is currently on the Globe Spotlight Team.

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