



## THE GOVERNESS

Spring  
Season  
2017

Release: 1998

Cert (UK): 15, F

Language: English

Runtime: 1 hr 55 mins

Director: Sandra Goldbacher

Writers: Sandra Goldbacher

Cinematographer: Ashley Rowe

Cast: Minnie Driver, Tom Wilkinson, Jonathan Rhys Meyers

This film was the club's first ever back in February 1999...1000 films ago! I am proud to notice that our first film would have earned the 'F-Rated' mark, with both a female lead AND a female director. There was a special deal available then – join the club and see this film for free. This time round we are offering a free drink...



Minnie Driver plays Rosina, a Sephardic Jew who is forced to get a job to support the family when her father dies. Changing her name to Mary to avoid anti-Semitism, she becomes the governess of the film title in a small Scottish Island, where she is paid to look after the young daughter, but has to look out for both the father and the teenage son...

Minnie Driver was already a big star at this point (She had been in 'Good Will Hunting' the previous year) as was Tom Wilkinson (who plays the father here), whilst Jonathan Rhys Meyers (the son) was a young actor at this time; they have gone on to have had 250 roles between them (IMDb).

The director, Sandra Goldbacher, had done many TV commercials at this time before writing and directing this film. She had another success in 2001 with 'Me Without You', and has had a mini-comeback recently, directing episodes of 'The Hour', 'Endeavour' and 'Victoria'.

