

## **SYNOPSIS – DESPERATELY SEEKING MADONA BY JOSHUA KOFFMAN**

MARY RUBENSTEIN is sick of her department store job, living at home and being unsure of what to do with her life. After getting fired, she consults her best friend COLLEEN, a Goth girl who loves working at a funeral home. Through their conversation Mary comes to the conclusion that she must go to New York City and find Madonna so that she can seek her counsel— because after all, everything she touches “turns to gold.”

Mary and Colleen don't have a lot of money, but JASON (Mary's geeky high-school former co-worker) has \$212 cash, so they take him along for the ride. On the train there, Mary meets GLENDA WEINSTEIN, a NYC boutique- owner who grew up in Newburgh as well. Once in the city, Mary quickly realizes she isn't the only person who dresses like her idol Madonna. After failing to connect with any of these girls, Mary eagerly seeks out the return address noted on her “Madonna” correspondences over the years. When she realizes that her letters have been going to a PR Associate instead, she leaves, defeated. Mary repeats WWMD – What would Madonna do? – until she sees a sign saying Madonna Lip Synch Contest- Tonight!

Before the contest, the trio ventures to Madonna's old neighborhood, visits several clubs and hits up Mary's younger and more academic sister JAMIE for money. Jason falls for Jamie and stays with her, but Mary and Colleen miss the midnight train home, and accidentally end up at a Siouxsie and the Banshees show, where Colleen plants her feet. This leaves Mary alone with TODD, a former adversary from high school she found in the city along the way. They head to the karaoke contest and just as Mary finds her footing on stage, Madonna enters the club and takes her thunder.

Mary runs out, realizing that Madonna probably wouldn't care to give her any real advice. While panhandling in an effort to make it back home, she overhears Glenda and uses her keen fashion sense to help pull together a display. Realizing her true calling, Mary convinces Glenda to hire her.