

A Streetcar Named Desire Synopsis

With her family's estate lost to creditors, Blanche DuBois arrives at the New Orleans home of her sister and brother-in-law, Stella and Stanley Kowalski.

Blanche's faded gentility violently clashes with Stanley's animal vitality, setting up a contest of wills between the two throughout the play, with Blanche vying with Stanley for Stella's allegiance.

Blanche briefly finds respite in Stanley's noticeably more sensitive poker buddy Mitch, who's attracted to her and presents her with the possibility of a better life.

During a heated argument between Stanley and Blanche, violence comes to a head and Stanley rapes Blanche. As a result, her mental state, already weakened, deteriorates further.

In this haunting play by one of theatre's most celebrated playwrights, *A Streetcar Named Desire* explores the emotional and physical torment Blanche faces from her scandalous past and supposed loved ones, jeopardizing her last chance of escape from the squalid misery of her life.