

## Audio Film Review: As the Tree Bends, So Grows 'The Son'

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Rating: **4.0/5.0**

The film features Hugh Jackman as Peter, a successful legal and political consultant, who has recently had a baby son with his second wife Beth (Vanessa Kirby). His newly domestic situation is shattered by difficulties with his son from his first marriage, Nicholas (Zen McGrath), who is skipping school and distressing his mother Kate (Laura Dern). Nicholas decides to move in with Beth and Peter, but his mental anxiety and school skipping continues, until it escalates into a suicide attempt. These disruptions puts tremendous pressure on Peter, Kate and Beth, and echoes similar problems that Peter had with his own father (Anthony Hopkins).

*“The Son” opens in theaters on January 20th. Featuring Hugh Jackman, Laura Dern, Vanessa Kirby, Zen McGrath and Anthony Hopkins. Screenplay adapted by Florian Zeller, from his play. Directed by Florian Zeller. Rated “PG-13”*



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