Nurse Betty: The Shooting Script

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Winner of the Best Screenplay Award at the Cannes Film Festival 2000--a romantic, dangerously funny road picture starring Morgan Freeman, Renee Zellweger, Chris Rock, and Greg Kinnear, from the award-winning director--coming from USA Films in October 2000. Working with the screenplay by John C. Richards and James Flamberg which is based on Richards' short story, Neil LaBute (In the Company of Men, Your Friends and Neighbors) directs the first film that he hadn't written himself and found that that it all added up to "a year of bold experimentation for me." A darkly comic story about one woman's incredible determination to make her dreams come true against numerous odds, fantasy collides with reality as the main character, Betty Sizemore (Renee Zellweger) inspires herself and everyone she meets to find at least a piece of their real selves. Her road journey goes from mid-America to points West, from Kansas to the Grand Canyon to Los Angeles. The Newmarket Shooting Script book includes the complete shooting script (including scenes that were cut during editing), an introduction and notes by the director written exclusively for this edition, stills, and full credits. "Two things struck me immediately upon reading Nurse Betty: one, this script is incredibly fun and clever, and two, no one will ever expect me to direct it. So I instantly jumped at the chance." -- Neil LaBute, director "The script was truly original and very witty. The unexpectedness of Betty's journey, both literally and psychologically, seemed so real and poignant that I knew it would make a memorable film." --Gail Mutrux, co-producer " I loved Betty, and I've never played anybody like her before. The script was great: all the characters are so well-developed.--Rene Zellweger I loved Betty...I've never played anybody like her before. The script was great: all the characters are so well-developed. (Rene Zellweger)