



The Fantasticks

Content Guide

The Fantasticks tells the story of a pair of lovers who discover the darkness (and temptations) of the world around them. There is mild swearing (“ass” and “damn”), stylized fight sequences with simulated and clearly fake deaths, an abduction and rescue of a young woman played out in a comedic dance scene, sexual innuendo, and romantic kisses. There are brief mentions of drinking, gambling, and acts of infidelity, none of which occur onstage. There is one intense sequence of chaotic shadow play where the shadow of one character goes through multiple types of torture including a bed of nails and being burned by fire.

The creative team for *The Fantasticks* have made a series of dialogue and lyric changes to their own script over many years to keep it timely and relevant. Previous versions had insensitive language around race, portrayals of white actors playing Native Americans, and a song about rape. That language and those situations do not appear in the current version of the script. There are no changes to the beautiful music or the timeless story.