“Bipolar Makes Me a Bad Mother”: Performative Dialogue about Representations of Motherhood

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Abstract

This essay explores representations of mothers who have bipolar disorder in popular media through a performative and autoethnographic narrative. I examine the television shows ER and Dr. Phil in regard to their representation of mothers who have bipolar disorder. This critical analysis concerns the manner through which these women come to be constructed as “bad” mothers. The structure of the narrative, like the representations themselves, is intended to be a montage of abutting pieces that come together to create a whole.

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Sometimes, the signs of a bad mother are so subtle that even the best of us are unable to recognize them. Bear these 9 major signs to become a better mom. I understand how difficult it can be for working mothers to spare their children time from their hectic schedules, especially if said mothers are single. But if you always focus on work, financial stability, your child’s performance in school, etc., then you will become wrapped up in worries. But here’s what you need to remember – they are kids and they need their mother from time to time, especially to hear your comforting and loving words.