

Roots

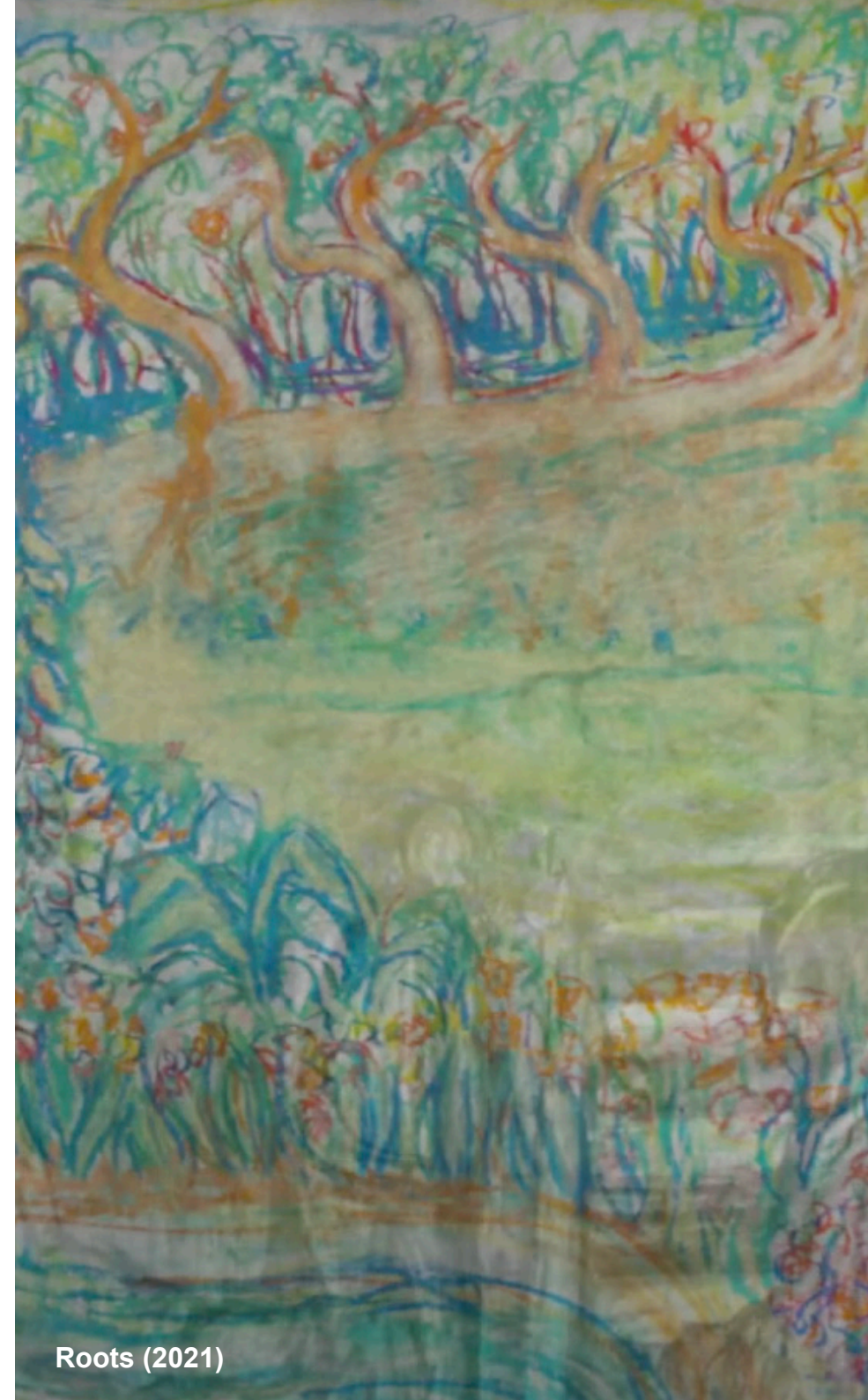
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SYNOPSIS

If we were able to trace our ancestors beyond the neat branches of our immediate family trees, we would find something more like a mesh of interwoven roots spreading all across the world. This film tells the story of us all, whether we come from a family that's stayed in the same area for generations, or have travelled half way around the world in search of somewhere safe to live.

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

1. How different actually are we after all? What makes us different and what brings us closer?
2. 'No one was always here. Everyone came from somewhere else.' How does the film negotiate the notions of belonging and security?
3. 'Sometimes we choose to go. Sometimes we have no choice.' How do you understand the notion of 'choice' within the context of forced displacement?
4. Stories do not occur in isolation; they emerge within and become part of what Benhabib defines as a 'web of narratives', in which individuals develop their sense of being. How has your family's history informed your own biography?



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