

*There Will Be Blood*    Written by Paul Tomas Anderson  
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1894- Once there was a gold miner named Daniel Plainview. Once he was down in a well lurking for gold. He was coming up a ladder that he built from land to the bottom of the well. When he was going down to the well part of the ladder broke and Daniel fell straight to the bottom and broke his leg when he hit the bottom. Then he discovered oil deep down in the well. Then he had to climb up the ladder and over a huge mountain to get to a place he could fix up his leg. 1898- By now Daniel had started his own oil company. 1902- One of Daniel's oil men went down in to a well and a big piece of metal fell on to him and was killed. The man who was killed had an 18-month-old baby named H.W. But his father was killed in the well so H.W. became Daniel Plainview's son so he was known as H.W. Plainview. 1909- Daniel and H.W. went to an oil meeting and Daniel said, "Ladies and gentleman ... I have traveled over half our state to be here tonight and I hope you show me the equal amount of respect I am showing you. Ladies and gentleman I am an oilman who works over 20 hours a day. 7 days a week. Yes, I only get about 3 hours of sleep myself. Unlike you all, you all get at least 7 to 8 hours a day of sleep. I am offering you \$ 5,000 with a \$ 500 bonus for anyone who wants to work for me as an oilman. Oh I am so rude, let me introduce myself. I am Daniel Plainview and this is my son H.W. Plainview. (Back in Daniel's office) A teenage boy went in to Daniel's office. His name is Paul, Paul Sunday. 2<sup>nd</sup> owner of the Sunday Ranch. Paul said, "Are you Daniel Plainview? He asks. "Yes." Daniel says back. I've come to tell you about a place I know that has oil. How much do you think it would cost to start drilling there by Monday?" Paul says back "It depends." Daniel says back. "depends on what?" He says. "It depends on how much oil is there." "There is lots of oil there, so how much would that cost?" Paul says back. "Where do you live Paul?" He says. "I asked, how much would that cost?" "A lot of money!" Daniel yells. I live in Little Boston \$ 5,000 would be fine thank you. "How about \$1,000 with a \$500 bonus." Daniel says back "\$5,000

is fine thank you." Paul replies. "Very well", says Daniel. "We shall start drilling Monday morning at 6:30 am." "Thank you Daniel." Paul gets up out of his seat thanks Daniel again and walks out the door. By Monday Daniel, H.W. and his oilmen were drilling as they promised. Then a boy named Eli got in on the action. He clam's he was the profit and Paul was not. 7 days later when Daniel and his crew were drilling and oil came shooting out of the well and H.W. was knocked on his head really hard. Then he couldn't hear anything and worse, he just became deaf. All the oil that was shooting out so much it caught fire burning everything. 2 days later a man showed up at Daniel's house on the porch. He clam's he is Daniel's brother, his "brother from another Mother". 4 weeks later Daniel senses something about this "brother" of his. So at 12:45 Daniel goes with a gun to his so-called brother's head and asks him outrageous family questions. His first question was "What was the name of the farm next to the lake house?" His brother says, "I can't remember." "I said what was the name of the farm next to the lake house.... Brother?" "Daniel I, aaah I am not your brother. Then who are you?" "Dan I am nobody. I used to know your brother. He wanted to get to you but he didn't have enough money. He died shortly after. So I took his diary and learned about more of his personal things and I finished everything for him that he wished to accomplish in his life and that brings us to now. Daniel took his gun and finished the man off with a shot to the head and buried him underground. 1927- By now Daniel was making millions but becoming unhealthy, and lazy. Greedy too. Then Eli came to visit. Daniel was talking with Eli and Eli said, "Daniel, I want you to drill in Little Boston again." Daniel said, "Only if you say I am a false profit and god is superstition. So Eli says it and then Daniel says, "it has already been drilled there 3 times. Eli says back "oh Daniel you are a bad, bad man." Then Daniel says "Eli, pretend we both have milkshakes. I have a long straw. I stick it across the room and in to your milkshake and I sip, sip, and sip it up... and there I drink your milkshake! I drink it up. Then Daniel smacks Eli in the head with a bowling pin and Eli dies. Then Daniel's servant comes in and says "MR. Daniel." Then Daniel yells, "I'm finished!"