

# 29 November Critics' choice



**It's not always greener:**  
Chloe with her parents  
and big sister

## Pick of the day

### **Evicted (BBC1, 10.40pm)**

Screened as part of the BBC's No Home season, a series of programmes highlighting poverty and homelessness in Britain, *Evicted* follows three families as they struggle to keep a roof over their heads. Brian Woods's bleak, angry film shows vividly how a transient life of B&Bs, packing and unpacking suitcases and constant uncertainty can destroy any chance of normality for the thousands of children technically without a home today.

Thirteen-year-old Charlotte's father was a bus driver until he stopped work to look after

his wife, who had post-natal depression; his eldest daughter now does her homework in the B&B bathroom and fields her brothers' questions about being taken into care. Chloe Green's parents were evicted after the housing-benefit office missed their payments: they have now been declared "intentionally homeless". Sarah, meanwhile, a beautiful, articulate teenager, heats baked beans on the radiator and worries about missed schooling.

Despite using the children's perspectives, *Evicted* never loses sight of the political reality: a system that lets people slip from precarious security into tumbling freefall.

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