



**'AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT'**  
**Cast Bios**

**JOANNA GARCIA SWISHER (Lindsey)** – JoAnna Garcia Swisher's success comes from her naturally vibrant and energetic personality. Her genuine nature certainly catalyzed her career but her girl-next-door appeal and Hollywood glamour continue to captivate audiences year after year.

Currently, Garcia Swisher stars in Netflix's "Sweet Magnolias." Set in the small town of Serenity, South Carolina, the show is based on a Sherryl Woods book series about three women who have been best friends since childhood. Jamie Lynn Spears, Heather Headley and Brooke Elliott also star. The first season premiered on Netflix in 2020 and has been renewed for a second season.

In 2018, Garcia Swisher was seen in ABC's Tuesday night Fall dramedy, "Kevin (Probably) Saves the World." On the feature film side, she appeared in Warner Bros.' comedy *Fist Fight* directed by Richie King with Ice Cube and Charlie Day. In 2015, Garcia Swisher starred in ABC's "The Astronaut Wives Club," based on the book by Lily Koppel, as Betty Grissom, Gus Grissom's wife.

In summer 2013, Garcia Swisher played Vince Vaughn's girlfriend Megan alongside Owen Wilson, Rose Byrne, and Josh Gad in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox's *The Internship*. The year before, she starred opposite Justin Kirk as Dorothy Crane in the NBC comedy "Animal Practice." In 2010, Garcia Swisher starred alongside Jennifer Finnigan on the ABC romantic sitcom series "Better with You" and opposite Raven-Symone in the ABC Family television movie "Revenge of the Bridesmaids."

Garcia Swisher portrayed the lead character in "Privileged," The CW's 2008 teen angst comedy with a twist of drama, as well as the CBS primetime series "Welcome to The Captain" alongside Jeffrey Tambor, Chris Klein and Raquel Welch. Prior to this, Garcia Swisher made an indelible mark with fans of the show "Reba" throughout the show's six-year span, in which she played Reba's daughter Cheyenne Montgomery. The show met monumental success and critical acclaim, even ranking as the #1 show through all six seasons and garnering the highest ratings for a comedy in The WB's history. Her work on the show earned her a Teen Choice Award nomination for Breakout Star.

Aside from her starring roles, Garcia Swisher has also had a series of memorable guest roles on television series throughout her years of acting. Among these are her roles as Bree Buckley, one of the many love interests of Nate Archibald (Chace Crawford) in the third season of The CW's "Gossip Girl," her recurring role as Dr. Nina Greene on "Royal Pains," her guest starring role as the girl that continues to get away from Ted (Josh Radnor) on "How I Met Your Mother" and her recurring role as the sister of Adam Pally's Dr. Peter on "The Mindy Project." From 2013 to 2017 Garcia Swisher has also recurred in ABC's "Once Upon a Time" as the iconic Disney princess Ariel.

Born to a Cuban father and American mother, Garcia Swisher started her career at a young age. She found a knack for acting at the age of 10, and quickly jumped at opportunities to explore her acting potential in local theater productions in her hometown of Tampa, Florida. Her first break outside of local Floridian theater came when she was still in high school, after Nickelodeon discovered her and slotted her into a starring role as Samantha on three seasons of the network's hit show "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" and Fiona on "Clarissa Explains It All." Although she had to commute between Florida and Montreal for the roles, her efforts proved fruitful when it led her to other acting opportunities. Her career truly began to blossom after she moved to Los Angeles to pursue acting as a career, at which point she landed roles such as Hallie on "Party of Five;" the recurring character Vicki Appleby on "Freaks and Geeks" and the key role of Joyce Cass opposite John Ritter in the television movie "Holy Joe."

From there, Garcia Swisher co-starred in two hit teen comedies in 2001, *American Pie 2* and *Not Another Teen Movie*.

Outside of acting, Garcia Swisher has founded The Happy Place, a destination that explores, motivates and empowers the experience of living a life with intention and how that reflects in your interiors. At its core, The Happy Place will ignite and inspire the inner designer in every person.

She has also been inspired by working with the Step Up Women's Network, a national network of women dedicated to strengthening community resources for women and girls. She and her husband Nick Swisher, a former professional baseball player, also founded the Swisher Family Foundation with a mission of providing children in need with medical care, education and recreational activities.

Garcia Swisher currently splits her time between Los Angeles and Tampa Bay with her husband and their daughters, Emerson and Sailor.

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**ALLEN LEECH (Brennan)** – Allen Leech is known for the role of Tom Branson in the award-winning series "Downton Abbey." In 2019, he reprised the role in the series' film feature continuation, *Downton Abbey*, which received massive commercial and critical success. Prior to that, he co-starred in the award-winning story of the band Queen in Twentieth Century Fox's *Bohemian Rhapsody*, opposite Rami Malek. He was also seen in the WGN series "Bellevue," opposite Anna Paquin.

Prior to this, Leech starred in Morten Tyldum's *The Imitation Game*, opposite Benedict Cumberbatch. He can also be seen in Jonathan Mostow's *The Hunter's Prayer* opposite Sam Worthington. Leech's previous television credits include "Rome" and "The Tudors."

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