



### **Estamira (2004 Brazil/Documentary)**

Estamira, a 63 year old woman who has worked in the Rio de Janeiro landfill of Gramacho for the last 20 years, is also a schizophrenic mother of four grown children and now a charismatic and maternal leader of a small community of elderly people who live in the landfill. This documentary shows her daily struggle over three years of forced treatment through the public psychiatric center and her transformation with an eloquent philosophical and poetic discourse as she struggles to reveal “the truth” and regain mental equilibrium. Surviving among “civilization’s litter” she overcomes her condition of misery and makes us question our values as a society.