

Just saw "The Big Short" last night. This big screen adaptation of the critically acclaimed book by Michael Lewis is directed by Adam McKay (Anchorman, The Other Guys, Step Brothers). The film stars a plethora of talented actors including Christian Bale, Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, Brad Pitt, Melissa Leo and Marisa Tomei.

I'm not going to sugarcoat it. This film is a heavy hitter. It's a movie that demands not only the viewer's attention but their concentration as well. It's ballsy and the film knows it. It's supposed to get you thinking. Normally this kind of film's subject would be pretty hard to grasp. Thankfully the movie takes an interesting direction by using celebrities and visuals to break it down as best they can for the viewers. This plays an integral part in the story and is essential to the viewer's understanding of what is going on.

Moving on, the whole cast of this movie were phenomenal. Christian Bale and Steve Carell give some of the best performances of their careers. They definitely deserve those Oscar nominations. Two other actors with a bit less screen time are Ryan Gosling and Brad Pitt. They also delivered very good performances in this movie.

One aspect of this film I really found interesting was its style of camerawork. The director used techniques such as unfocused zooms and uneven tracking shots to bring a documentary feel to the movie. That was clever and might I add a nice addition. The film also breaks the fourth wall constantly to give it more realism and it works. It's constantly aware of its audience and makes us feel like we are actually a part of the movie. That was really cool.

It's an important film that doesn't pull its punches. It's factual, honest, hilarious and terrifying. This isn't just fiction. It's the reality we're living in. It's a MAJOR reality check! I implore you to see it if you get the chance. People need to see this film! I'm serious. It's easily one of the best films of the year and most certainly deserves its Best Picture nomination. This film left me speechless and stunned. "The Big Short" absolutely gets 5/5 stars!