



FILM: **BLUE JASMINE**

FDG RATING: 3.8



Woody Allen: *Director, Screenplay*

Cate Blanchette: *Actress: Jasmine*

Sally Hawkins: *Actress: Ginger (Jasmine's sister)*

DATE: September 22, 2013

DISCUSSION SUMMARY: **BLUE JASMINE**

Blue Jasmine sparked our liveliest discussion yet, with 2 new participants (welcome Sam & Valerie!) and even included an on-the-phone opinion from Coastal Weekly film critic columnist, Lisa Wadja (all 3 recruited by our newest participant, Sharon Golembo).

In summary, rave reviews for Cate Blanchett who perfectly depicts the unraveling of an emotionally fragile, rich socialite who, losing everything associated with her status, escapes into the menial working class of her sister and tragically crumbles, incapable of functioning in a working class. The acting carried the film, which was seen as a weakness in the storyline. But stellar performances across the board with clever references to the fall of Bernard L. Madoff and to "Streetcar Named Desire" made the film totally engaging as the story pivoted from past to present.

The collective rating from our film group is a mostly favorable: 3.8 (on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the best).



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See you at the movies!

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