



FILM: **JACKIE**

FDG RATING: 3.5 😊😊😊😊😊

Film Discussion Group (FDG) Scale is 1-5 (5 is best)

Pablo Larraín: *Director*

Natalie Portman: *actress, Jackie*

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DISCUSSION SUMMARY: **JACKIE**

The film, Jackie, focuses on the historical moment in history when John F Kennedy is tragically assassinated, and the iconic First Lady must struggle to assert herself in the midst of her immense grief in order to maintain the dignity needed to preserve her husband's legacy and the world of Camelot they had created that the people loved.

During an interview in the days following her husband's death, Jackie contemplates what has happened, triggering flashbacks that place us in her world seen through her eyes. She is trying to maintain her sanity, her composure, as millions watch her every move, as wife and mother, as faithful spouse wounded by her handsome husband's infidelity; and as First Lady of the United States.

Some of us chose to skip this film that focused on such a small and horrific part of Jackie's life. We would have preferred to learn more about her entire life before and after the assassination. Those who saw it, gave it high marks and appreciated the unsentimental, eye opening view into all the behind the scene detail enshrouded in this event. So many scenes in the film were exactly as we remembered seeing the tragedy unfold on television. Watching the funeral procession was especially chilling.

The film made us appreciate her foresight and sense of place in history. She forced herself to be strong so that she could control how this event would be remembered. But we also see how alone she is in that palatial house, privately distraught and drinking. Natalie Portman's portrayal was outstanding, showing a very human side to the very public figure.

The assassination of JFK is etched in our memories. The film, Jackie, added a deeper layer to that memory that heightened our admiration for this iconic woman.

We gave Jackie an admirable 3.5 on our scale of 1 to 5 (5 is best) but it would have been 4 except 1 resident critic was so disappointed, she gave it a 0 eroding the higher score.



See you at the movies!

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