

FILM: MAGGIE'S PLAN

FDG RATING: 2.6

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

Rebecca Miller: *Director, writer*Greta Gerwig: *Actress: Maggie*Ethan Hawke: *Actor: John* 

Julianne Moore: Actress: Georgette

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DISCUSSION SUMMARY: MAGGIE'S PLAN

A romantic comedy starring ditzy Greta Gerwig, as a young woman who bemoans her inability to sustain any romantic relationship longer than six months and yet feels the clock ticking and is ready for motherhood right now. Her plan is to be artificially inseminated. Synchronisity abides. She succumbs to a powerful attraction to John (Ethan Hawke), a new adjunct anthropology professor at The New College, where she also works as a sort of career advisor to art and design students. John's marriage (including 2 children) to his more successful, overbearing colleague Georgette, (the always great Julianne Moore) is not in the best shape. The perfect storm ensues. Three years later, we see Maggie and John have produced a 3 year old Lily, but Maggie has fallen out of love with John and so hatches a rebound plan: to reunite John with Georgette.

A cute story with Gerwig bookended by 2 veteran actors, helped bolster the film. Some of our resident reviewers enjoyed it, a few thought it was good enough, and others opted to skip it. (Especially those who consider Gerwig a non-actress who plays her ditsy self, and a waste of time to watch.)

Those who saw the film collectively gave it a flimsy 2.6.

