



FILM: **PATTERSON**

FDG RATING: 3.5 😊😊😊😊😊

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

Jim Jarmusch: *director*

Adam Drive: *actor, Patterson*

Golshifteh Farahani: *actress, Laura*

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## DISCUSSION SUMMARY: **PATTERSON**

One of our reviewers described the film, *Patterson*, as “poetry” not only because the main character, a bus driver in Patterson New Jersey, liked and wrote poetry, but because the story is like a poem that gently pulls at our emotions.

The film has a quiet “arty” tone focusing more on being human than on action. Although we wait for and want to see emotion from *Patterson* he doesn’t react to his encounters as life swirls around him. He adheres to the same daily routine, driving his bus route, walking his dog, and drinking exactly one beer at a bar on his way home to his wife while simply observing and writing poetry in his notebook.

We liked the characters and thought the wife was charming in the way she drove the energy of the movie, dreaming of being a country music star and opening a cupcake business and, most importantly, believing in her husband’s talent. She encourages him to publish his poems.

The few reviewers who saw the film thought it was “pleasant” with a sweet poetic ending, resulting in a warm 3.5 (5 is the best on our scale of 1-5.)



See you at the movies!

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