



FILM: **SIDE EFFECTS**

FDG RATING: 3. 😊😊😊👉👉

Steven Soderbergh: *Director*

Rooney Mara: *Actress: Emily Taylor*

Channing Tatum: *Actor: Martin Taylor*

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DISCUSSION SUMMARY: **SIDE EFFECTS**

We had an energetic discussion about the film "Side Effects" which we thought would be about the unexpected, underexposed side effects of anti depression drugs. Our expectations quickly shifted as the film focused on the unscrupulous practice of paying psychiatrists to push pharmaceutical trials on their patients. And then the unexpected twist as the murder was actually the side effect of excessive greed. Each character was selfishly manipulating one or more of the other characters for financial gain and all were motivated by greed.

In our discussion, we commented that the acting was good, the story suspenseful, and that it was a very accurate depiction of medical practices before tighter regulations were enforced. However, some found the story difficult to follow and the murder implausible which evenly scattered our votes among 2s, 3s, and 4s. The result was just above middle of road 3 on a scale of 1 to 5.



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*See you at the movies!*

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