

Review of Gone Baby Gone

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Description:

Critics are calling Ben Affleck's directorial debut "mesmerizing." When two young private detectives (Casey Affleck, Good Will Hunting, and Michelle Monaghan, Mission: Impossible III) are hired to take a closer look into the mysterious disappearance of a little girl, they soon unravel a multitude of twists and turns where nothing is what it seems. Ultimately they must risk everything - their relationship, their sanity, and even their lives - in the search to find her. Casey Affleck and Morgan Freeman are electrifying, and Amy Ryan (Capote) delivers "a vibrant, knockout performance" in this edge-of-your-seat crime drama. Gone Baby Gone "will have you talking long after it's over."

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Ben Affleck sets the bar quite high in his directorial debut, Gone Baby Gone, a film adapted from the popular book of the same name by Dennis Lehane. The movie boasts an impressive cast of both Hollywood heavy-weights (Ed Harris, Morgan Freeman) and local Bostonians which lends the story its ultimate strength - its authenticity. Each performance lends a deep believability and a depth that few modern films have reached. The story itself is devastating and poignant, an honest examination of the emotions and moral complications for the investigators of child abductions.

The plot twists are unexpected and haunting - the turn of events leaves one questioning the ethics of child neglect, justice and even vengeance. To say that this film left me both saddened and moved would be a drastic understatement. Christy Lemire of The Associated Press really said it best, Gone Baby Gone "will have you talking long after it's over."

Rating: A+