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Audience feedback: Fruitvale Station

37 people responded. The breakdown and comments are listed below.

'Excellent': 14 votes

- Who'd be a black man in America? [I] can see how this kind of situation developed; Hot headed, rudderless young males & frightened white policemen.
- Stylish & well made with an absolutely shocking ending – yet more evidence of police brutality.
- A gritty slice of American life. Not the usual 'flowers in your hair' view of San Francisco. An account very well told.
- Just as powerful second time around. Nothing was overplayed & great performances from everyone. A first full length film!
- A very moving, and all too realistic, portrayal of how it is in America.
- More powerful for the lack of overt commentary or analysis. It shows the mundane nature of societal norms that make this sort of event unsurprising.
- Police shouldn't have guns. **Abolish discrimination.**
- Still happening everywhere!
- Thank you for showing this film. We need more exposure of the similar & more recent cases. Something must be done.
- Terribly poignant without being too emotional. Good pace.
- Very moving. Beautifully acted.
- No words.

'Very Good': 20 votes

- An interesting docu-drama – [it would] be interesting to know what was fictionalised.
- Powerful film, made all the more poignant knowing what the outcome would be. Excellent acting by all.
- A film of 2 parts – portrayal of Oscar's life & then the tense and brilliant portrayal of his death & events on the train. Unfortunately, I found much of the dialogue incomprehensible.
- Prejudice is such a natural reaction. But in any fraught situation, allowing stereotyping to dictate actions can have devastating consequences. Until America starts breaking down the barriers between different social groups, and between the authorities and underclasses, such events will continue to occur.
- Shows how brutal the American police can be against blacks.
- Powerful, a sad reflection of true life in the US.
- Powerful commentary on police attitude to blacks. Oscar portrayed in a very empathetic manner.

- A powerful film about events that are still happening regularly in the US.
- Shocking 😞
- Good acting. It showed that race relations in the US have a long way to go. Shows how quickly things go wrong & get out of control.
- Another wasted life
- Powerful
- Touching portrayal of rough justice – really good!
- A powerful drama that made its point well. Though I felt it lost its way in places. Good performances all round.
- Harrowing.
- However, could have done with subtitles.

'Good': 1 vote

- I did find the dialogue a little difficult to understand and it didn't help that the soundtrack didn't quite match the visuals.
Ultimately, though, quite a good film good film about a lovable rogue and a cruel twist of fate cutting short his life.

'Satisfactory': 1 vote

- Great acting and filming but sub-titles needed for the dialogue?

'Poor': 0 votes

1 comment submitted without a vote:

- I cannot give a comment because I could not understand the words. The speech and lips did not match.

Based on the above, the film had an overall score of 4.31.