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Audience feedback: Certain Women

31 people voted. The breakdown and comments are listed below.

'Excellent': 4 votes

- Like short stories by E Annie Proulx, told by Tarkovsky or Zvagintsev. Was that shot on 16mm?¹
- A very enjoyable humane film. Very atmospheric a wonderful portrayal of three strong women
- Loved it, the slow pace, the focus on the strength of women that only a female director can achieve. The high altitude & depiction of the remoteness & beauty of Montana. Great husband quote 'Stop Working!' (to wife who's cooked the meal & served it out) 'Get me a beer! – Only joking!' – see what we have to put up with?

'Very Good': 8 votes

- Gentle, sympathetic portrayal of 3 (or 4) ordinary women
- Beautifully observed & edited & filmed. Very glad I don't live in Montana
- Continuity: bricks lying for x+ years would have grass knitting it all together! Life in America sufficiently secure to be boring! Nothing ever happens.
- Quite sad – but realistic of Women's and Men's lives too
- Well observed – absorbing. A very 'humanist' movie!
- Lost for words, must be catching
- Beautifully filmed. Slow paced examination of hard lives in a harsh but picturesque environment.

'Good': 8 votes

- Rather slow, some very poignant scenes. Needed something to bring it all together.
- Bit slow, scenery better than Essex. Why was the dog so fat?
- Rather unusual
- Borders on the banal & the random, yet we watch – one or two moments to entrant. No wonder they voted for 'the Donald'!
- Came good from the 3rd part on.
- Ob la di ob la da – life went on – oddly engaging.

'Satisfactory': 6 votes

- Nothing happened!

¹ IMDB states the camera used was a Arriflex 416 Plus Super 16mm film

- Gloomy
- Quietly thought provoking. But Bleak!
- OK

'Poor': 3 votes

- Too slow
- V.Poor! Not up to Film Club standards

2 comments submitted without a vote:

- A huge sense of hopelessness. The stark, but lovely, landscape added to it.
- No grade. We could see what they were doing but what were they thinking? The scenery was superb – the dog and horses were more active than the cast.

Based on the above, the film had an overall score of 3.14.