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DIRECTOR GREG MOTTOLA

WRITER SETH ROGEN, EVAN GOLDBERG



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SYNOPSIS

Seth (Jonah Hill) and Evan (Michael Cera) go on a mission to buy alcohol for a party with the help of their friend Fogell (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), who just purchased a fake ID. Things start to go seriously off-track when their original plan doesn't follow through as expected.

REVIEW

By now, most of you should've seen *Superbad* or have at least heard of it. If to this day it's still the latter, then I highly suggest you fire up Netflix and start watching it.

It's best to think of the film as the millennium's *Dazed and Confused*, or rather, its unapologetic raunchy younger brother. So the plot is pretty clear cut: summer holiday is arriving, seniors are

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graduating, and thus with that combination, an endless night of partying is inevitable.

Unlike Richard Linklater's cult-classic though, the film does have an actual storyline. Best friends Seth and Evan, both low in their social standing, have a chance to be the cool kids by supplying alcohol to a party that Jules (Emma Stone)—the girl Seth has a crush on—is hosting. They enlist the help of their equally nerdy friend Fogell to use his fake ID. Things go awry when an unexpected robbery occurs and Seth and Evan, observing from a distance, mistake the situation as one where Fogell is caught by the cops for being underage. And so begins their strangest, but most memorable night that will make up for four years of being the social pariahs of their high school.

Where their separate paths take them is of course where the fun begins, but the characters surprisingly don't venture off to too many places prior to arriving at Jules'. Seth and Evan wind up at an adult house party, while Fogell hangs out with the two officers he meets during the investigation at the liquor store. We find that much of the insanity that the characters endure occurs in two or three places at most. So instead of several insane adventures, the entertainment and humor relies on Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg's ridiculously funny, quote-worthy dialogue and hilarious exchanges, all of which includes more than our fair share of sex-filled, foul-mouthed jokes.

He is the sweetest guy. Have you ever looked into his eyes? It was like the first time I heard the Beatles. – Seth

Having said that, there are enough amusing situations Rogen and Goldberg put their characters through within a single setting. Whether it's Evan awkwardly singing a very memorable rendition of The Guess Who's *These Eyes*, or Fogell inadvertently playing cop at a bar, *Superbad* has many great moments that has you continuously bursting out with laughter. And as Rogen and Goldberg based the film on their teen years, it makes you wonder just how much of the craziness in the story is lifted straight from their personal lives.

A lot of the comedy lays in the relationship dynamics as well. As Fogell and the two officers' friendship develops, so too does the chaos from the trio's irresponsible, but incredibly humorous antics. Seth and Evan on the other hand have a nerdy bromance with a hint of an odd couple vibe, making them the perfect comedic duo for the film. This only gets funnier as conflict enters their friendship and they briefly split, navigating parts of the night on their own, awkwardly, and with surprisingly moderate

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VERDICT

Superbad belongs to a string of Judd Apatow-produced films in the mid to late 2000s that saw enormous success and with good reason. It may be derivative of the high school party formula, but Rogen and Goldberg deliver comedy gold that's a blast to watch, especially if you're with friends. Sure it may be juvenile and dirty, but the punchlines will have you laughing anyway even if you do so guiltily. It's meant to be a fun film, so don't take it so seriously and just enjoy it.

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