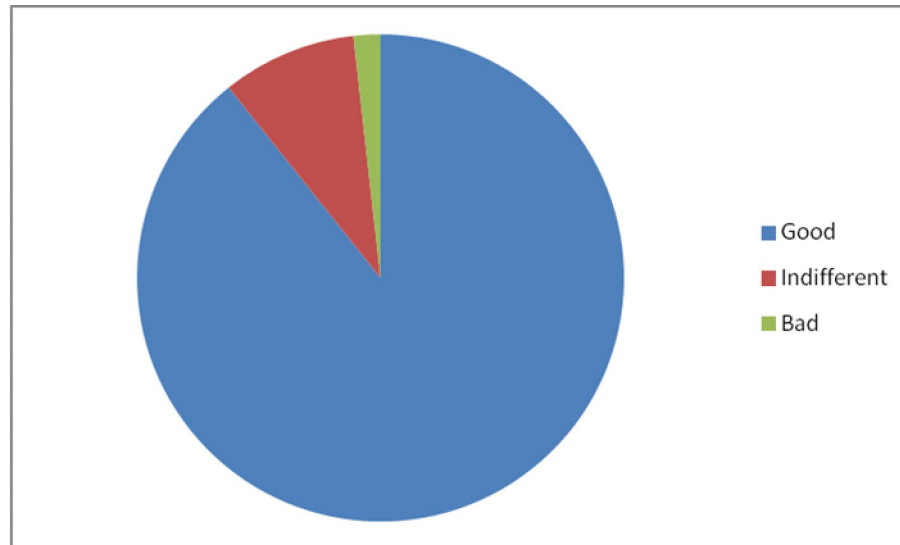


Review – Silver Linings Playbook



Good – 50

- Found it funny and liked the way they explored different types of mental illness.
- One of the best films the film club has shown, "brave" performance by Robert de Niro.
- Wonderful film with great performances from all characters, particularly Robert de Niro and two main actors, loved it - more like this please!
- Excellent, a great choice.
- More of the same please.
- Most enjoyable and cleverly dealt with mental troubles.
- There were several places where I laughed out loud and for a change a film with a happy ending. The only criticism was that perhaps a little too long in the middle.

- I liked the way mental health issues were tackled sensitively but with humour. De Niro and Cooper excellent but I thought the women were a bit weak...
- I thought the 'angry scenes' were very well acted. Great to come out smiling having had a good laugh.
- Enjoyed it very much. I do, however, have trouble understanding American dialects but mainly got the gist!
- We liked the film. It was a bit confusing to start with but had a lovely ending. It gave an insight into what families go through.
- Well balanced film avoided obvious traps regarding portrayal of mental illness. Final dance routine revealed incredible skills but who cares.
- It made me laugh and think about the subject matter (today as well as last night). Also, I thought the cast were perfect - we know Robert de Niro can act but Bradley Cooper was a revelation.
- On the whole good, but some of the dialogue, particularly the girl, was difficult to hear clearly.
- Not my usual choice of film but as Robert de Niro and Bradley Cooper were in it I thought I'd give it a go. A bit shouty but the acting was excellent. Had a happy ending too, which is always good.
- Difficult subject to cover without seeming grim or patronising. I wasn't sure how there could be a positive outcome, but found the idea of some connection and healing through dance very believable. It was bound to end happily though, despite Dad's acceptance of the ridiculous bet. All main leads were very well portrayed.
- Tackled a difficult subject with compassion and humour.
- Didn't think this was going to be my sort of film but left with a big smile on my face.
- Fun, entertaining.
- Slightly slow to get going, and very different from what I'd expected. I found it powerful and thought provoking. Four very strong performances by the main actors, who made you ask questions about the nature of mental health and mental illness.
- A very good film. A lot of story well told. Interesting and compelling characters. Thank you.
- A bit scary as a member of my family has just been diagnosed with bipolar. The bit when he was looking for the wedding video was very reminiscent of an incident in our house over a pair of shoes! Very well acted by everyone.
- I thought the film was good. I was particularly interested in the family/crowd scenes when everybody talked over one another and nobody listened. So typical of people in "panic". There were also many funny bits although I feel the audience was a bit reluctant to laugh as the film covered a sensitive subject. I have worked in a psychiatric hospital and I also feel it brought up the question, what is/isn't psychiatric illness.
- Ending not as subtle and nuanced as the beginning. Jennifer Lawrence was very good.
- Definitely a good choice and one that made me and others laugh out loud several times, as we were obviously meant to,

despite the otherwise serious subject matter.

- The film was OK, funny in places. Typical Hollywood feel-good ending. Robert de Niro is wasted in these family comedy films.
- My guest and I thoroughly enjoyed this film; we thought Robert de Niro was especially fine in his role.
- Great film, one of the best we've shown. As well as being a 'feel good' movie it still had a serious message about the way we define mental health, which can only be a good thing.
- We both really enjoyed it.

Indifferent – 5

- I liked the plot but found the characters very irritating and not very believable. Some of the humour was fun.
- Trite: suggesting the answer to serious violent mental illness is 'a tart with a heart'; serious gambling, American Football and a version of Strictly Come Dancing.
- Start OK and ending good but lacked content in the middle I think.
We enjoyed the film. Unusual story line but I wouldn't put it on my 'must see again' list although it was worth seeing. It was a well acted quirky piece but on balance I do feel indifferent about it ~ I would expect the general response to be positive.

Bad – 1

- Quirky, however too much product placement, too much shouting, nearly walked out as the anger made me feel uncomfortable.