

“The Spectacular Now”

Adolescence can be a painful experience. But for Sutter Keely (Miles Teller) high school is the pinnacle of existence. An effortless charmer and the life of every party, Sutter thinks he has the world by the tail. A stranger to introspection, Sutter does not realize high school does not last forever. Life is about to throw him a curve.

The impetus for Sutter’s gradual awakening from his hedonistic stupor is Aimee Finecky (Shailene Woodley). Aimee is a serious young woman light years removed from that holy grail of teen age life - the “in crowd”. One would not expect she and Sutter would ever cross paths. But one morning Aimee discovers Sutter’s prone figure in her front yard, sleeping off the effects of a night of partying. Their chance meeting and budding romance will ultimately change the way Sutter sees the world.

“The Spectacular Now” is that rare breed of film about adolescence that will appeal to teens and adults alike. Rich in detail it has the authentic feel of what it must be like to be a young person today. Blessed with an astute screenplay and graced by its two appealing young leads, “The Spectacular Now” is a romantic comedy with both a brain and a heart.

(Amazon Prime)