



There once was a time when men didn't have access to the magic little blue pill that could solve their *cough* problems. Surprisingly, it wasn't that long ago. Love and Other Drugs takes place in the late 1990's and stars Jake Gyllenhaal as Jamie Randall, a drug peddling pharmaceutical rep who helps introduce Viagra to the world and falls in love with Maggie Murdock (Anne Hathaway) who is in the early stages of Parkinson's.

Part love story, part drug story, Love and Other Drugs shows both the fun and dark side of relationships. Gyllenhaal and Hathaway make quite the adorable couple although they have their fair share of problems. One of the main ones is Jamie trying to deal with Maggie's oncoming effects of Parkinson's. As a drug rep, it's something he thinks he can change. Maggie on the other hand, has accepted her fate.

What makes the movie work is how real everything feels. It's not some lovey-dovey relationship portrayed on screen. Just like any real relationship, there are good times and bad. Maggie is a free spirited person while Jamie is more of a ladies man so you know there is going to be tension. It's also interesting to see the ins and outs of the massive drug corporations and how reps will do almost anything (at least in the film) to get their drugs on the doctors' shelves.

As you can imagine, there are plenty of sex scenes throughout the film. If you're a fan of seeing Anne Hathaway nude, then this is the film for you. For the most part, these scenes are tastefully done. Jake Gyllenhaal fans don't fret either as he shows some skin as well although not nearly as much as his female companion.

There is some humor in the film as well. Josh Gad stars as Jamie's brother Josh who sort of leeches onto his brother's success and charm with the ladies. There are a few scenes in particular that are laugh worthy and make for a good break in the mostly dramatic tone of the film.

Love and Other Drugs is full of ups and downs but you'll find it ending on a high note. Gyllenhaal and Hathaway bring life and love to their characters and make what you're watching appear all the more real. It's definitely not for everyone, but the movie will leave you satisfied.

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