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## **The Killing of a Chinese Bookie**

USA 1976

Director: John Cassavetes

Producer: Al Ruban

Screenplay: John Cassavetes

Principal Cast: Ben Gazzara, Timothy Agoglia

Carey, Azizi Johari

135 minutes

"Cassavetes at 46 comes on as a genuine, jaggedly idiosyncratic film artist. . . . This film is a city scape, with a frieze of broads. They are the spirits of the place, the muses of Cosmo's dream that keeps getting fouled up by goons, loan sharks and his own lazy gallantry. He is an upside-down Gatsby, a social zircon with a diamond morality. Cassavetes records his downfall with a fine sense of the casualness of doom in the lumpen-world. . . . Gazzara is wonderful as Cosmo with his abstract glittering smile, his gutter courtesy, his sense of when to stop moving and take a punch."

Jack Kroll, Newsweek

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