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Mikey and Nicky

USA 1976

Director: Elaine May

Producers: Michael Hausman, Bud Austin

Screenplay: Elaine May

Principal Cast: Peter Falk, John Cassavetes, Ned Beatty, Rose Arrick

118 minutes

“Difficult to relate to in any ordinary fashion yet impossible to forget, **Mikey and Nicky** is a ferocious (and ferociously personal) assault on the middle-class and is much more corrosive than anything ever dreamed up by Fassbinder. If **The Heartbreak Kid** were her **Foolish Wives**, this is surely her **Greed**—and perhaps the most frightening portrait of capitalism that American cinema has given us since Eric von Stroheim’s masterpiece. (Stanley Kauffman calls it an ‘odd, biting, grinning, sideways—scuttling rodent of a picture’ and ‘the best film that I know by an American woman.’)”

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