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About the movie (subtitled version) DIRECTOR D. Fincher YEAR / COUNTRY 2014 / USA GENRE Drama, Thriller ACTORS B. Affleck, R. Pike, N. P. Harris, K. Dickens



PLOT

Nick and Amy have been married for 5 years. They met in New York City, before moving to a small town in Missouri. By all appearances, they are the perfect couple, until Amy disappears on their 5th anniversary. Nick is immediately the prime suspect and the villain in the media's hysterical coverage of the case. While the police hunt for clues and Nick protests his innocence, we get to know Amy in diaryentry flashbacks: two interwoven strands of "he-said/she-said", bringing to light a troubled marriage. But which story is honest? Is Nick really innocent? Is Amy still alive? Where is she?

The screenplay by Gillian Flynn is based on her 2012 best-selling novel of the same name. Rosamund Pike received nomination for an Academy Award, AFTA Award, Golden Globe Award and Screen Actors Guild Award for Best Actress.

LANGUAGE

American English, slang.

GRAMMAR

INVERSION

If a negative adverb or adverbial expression is put at the BEGINNING of a clause for EMPHASIS, it is usually followed by AUXILIARY VERB + SUBJECT.

NORMAL sequence EMPHATIC (inversion) NORMAL sequence EMPHATIC (inversion) I NEVER eat meat NEVER DO I EAT meat He SELDOM spoke English SELDOM DID HE speak English

MOST COMMON NEGATIVE ADVERBS OR ADVERBIAL EXPRESSIONS:

NEVER, RARELY, SELDOM, HARDLY, HARDLY EVER, AT NO TIME, ONLY, NOT ONLY, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES. NO SOONER. *NOT UNTIL:

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will the president resign.
RARELY do people care about the environment to give up their car.
NOT ONLY is she beautiful but she's also quite rich.
HARDLY had I begun my exam, when the ceiling collapsed!
NO SOONER did he open the door than the cat attacked him.

*NOT UNTIL & ONLY+ time expression>>>INVERSION IN MAIN CLAUSE

I won't marry you until you get a job. (normal sequence)

NOT UNTIL you get a job WILL I MARRY you. (emphatic) NOT UNTIL the price went up DID HE SELL his stocks. ONLY when I got home DID I REALIZE I had forgotten my umbrella on the bus.

Use INVERSION also in short answers with NEITHER, NOR and SO:

John doesn't like opera. Nor does his wife. Neither does his wife.

I'm hungry! So am I.

VOCABULARY

Housing development: small houses, often	Press conference: a meeting to answer questions put
for poor people	by a number of TV and/or newspaper reporters
Trash: rubbish	To put up flyers: to fasten printed notices on buildings
	for mass distribution
Homeless men: men who have nowhere to	The mall: a shopping area where cars are not allowed
live	11 5
"Go": short for Margo, Nick's twin sister	To close down: a company where all work or activity
	stops, usually forever
A mug: a large, deep cup, with a handle on	To go bust: when a company loses so much money
one side	that it is forced to close down
Board games: like Snakes & Ladders or the	Standoffish: aloof, reserved, rather unfriendly
game, Master Mind, played on a flat surface (a	
square piece of wood or cardboard)	
To glance: to look very quickly at something	Ivy League: an association of 8 colleges in the
	northeastern U.S., comprising Brown, Columbia,
	Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, the University
	of Pennsylvania and Yalewith reference to the old,
	ivy-covered college buildings
Jitters: nervousness	To rub someone the wrong way: to annoy or offend
	someone
To scan: to glance through	Cops: policemen
Hipster: someone who is trendy	Clue: something that provides information, a sign
Nick says he is "the salt of the earth": he	To be laid off: someone who has been told to leave
feels more admirable or valuable than any	their job by their employers, usually because there is no
other person	more work for them to do
Nick says he is "corn-fed": he is healthy &	Barkeeper: a person who owns a bar
strong, but provincial & unsophisticated, a	
Missouri guy	Milestie the estable when compathing counds too good
To scrimshaw: to turn out meticulously executed work	What's the catch?: when something sounds too good
executed work	to be true and not as good as it seems to be. "OK, I've seen all the benefits, but what's the catch?
	This sounds too good to be true. There's a catch there,
	isn't there? Aha, triple interest rates!"
Cute: sweet, attractive	A sweetheart: a lovable, friendly person
Treasure hunt: to search for something that is	Jellybean: a small ovoid candy with a hardened sugar
hidden	coating over a chewy center (caramella gommosa di
riidden	frutta)
Trust fund: an estate, especially money &	To break up with someone: a relationship that is
securities, held in trust (fondo fiduciario)	coming to an end because it is not working out well
To plagiarize: to appropriate, to steal	Forensics: relating to the discovery of information
someone else's ideas, writing etc.	about a crime by scientifically examining objects
	involved in it (metodi d'indagine scientifica della polizia)