

# Maggie's Plan

Cert 15 USA 2015 99 mins

## Crew

Director / Screenplay	Rebecca Miller
Cinematography	Sam Levy
Film Editing	Sabine Hoffmann
Original music	Michael Rohatyn

## Cast

Greta Gerwig	Maggie
Ethan Hawke	John
Julianne Moore	Georgette
Bill Hader	Tony
Maya Rudolph	Felicia
Travis Fimmel	Guy
Ida Rohatyn	Lily

## Synopsis

*New York, the recent past. Maggie has never sustained a relationship longer than six months, but desperately wants a baby. She enlists an old friend to donate his sperm.*

*But then she meets John, an unhappily married academic, and lures him away from his brilliant but domineering wife Georgette. Together they have a daughter - everything has gone according to Maggie's plan.*

*But, three years later, why isn't Maggie happy? And what meddling scheme will she concoct next?*



## Booking Information

**Distributor:** Sony Pictures

**DVD/Blu-ray bookings:** via **Filmbank**

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## Reviews

Author and filmmaker Rebecca Miller reflects on relationships, parenthood and all the messy stuff that come with them in this light, fast-paced romantic comedy set in the world of high academia. She pits choice against fate on issues of the heart and the outcome is an enjoyably quirky though somewhat detached exploration of the many frustrations of modern love....

.... The actors are clearly having the time of their lives and, in the moment, their interactions are a delight to behold. Plus, the platonic dynamic between Maggie and Tony is wonderfully observed. What *Maggie's Plan* lacks in nuance it makes up for with some inspired, invigorating comic moments, including one particularly amusing punk-rock cameo.

This film marks a continuation of themes originally explored in Miller's previous, *The Private Lives of Pippa Lee*: the nobility of a female's emotional journey and the affect that self-sacrificing ways can have on both inner and outer life.

*Katherine McLaughlin, Little White Lies, July 2016*

Don't underestimate the knitwear in *Maggie's Plan*. This comedy from Rebecca Miller says more about the human condition through its cardigans than most films this summer have managed in their scripts.

First of all there's Maggie herself (Greta Gerwig), a New Yorker in her early 30s whose sensible, often oatcake-coloured jumpers betoken a young woman determined to give off an impression of picturesque practicality. Then there's Georgette (Julianne Moore), a glacial anthropology professor from somewhere Scandinavian whose fur gilets and shaggy, pelt-like knits are pure alpha-cavewoman, spear-bearer chic.

And lastly, there's John (Ethan Hawke): academic, frustrated author, mid-life crisis participant, husband (of Georgette) and lover (of Maggie), who wears a shapeless grey army surplus coat and a gap-yearish necklace that probably looked rakish on him 10 years ago.

These are incidental details, but in a film as pillowishy pleasurable as Miller's - the kind you want to sink into after a long week, in which smart people with good taste make bad life decisions entertainingly - they elevate the fun into something richer, more memorable...

*Robbie Collin, The Telegraph, July 2016*

## FILM FACTS...

- ☆ Director Rebecca Miller - daughter of playwright Arthur Miller - based the screenplay on an unpublished story by New York novelist Karen Rinaldi
- ☆ The part of Lucy was played by 3 year old Ida Royhatyn, daughter of Michael Royhatyn who wrote the film's musical score.