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The Good Half

The Good Half is a 2023 American comedy-drama film written by Brett Ryland, directed by Robert Schwartzman and starring Nick Jonas.

The film premiered on June 8, 2023, at the Tribeca Film Festival, and it is scheduled to be released in the United States on July 23, 2024.^[1]

Premise

Renn Wheeland returns home to Cleveland, Ohio, for his mom's funeral. Once there, he forges new relationships while healing old ones, before confronting his problems and trying to face his grief.

Cast

- Nick Jonas as Renn Wheeland
- Brittany Snow as Leigh Wheeland
- David Arquette as Rick Barona
- Alexandra Shipp as Zoey Abbot
- Matt Walsh as Darren Wheeland
- Elisabeth Shue as Lily Wheeland

Release

The film premiered at the Tribeca Festival on June 8, 2023.^[2] It is scheduled to be released theatrically in the United States on July 23, 2024.^[1]

Reception

The film has an 86% rating on Rotten Tomatoes based on 7 reviews.^[3] Brittany Witherspoon of Screen Rant awarded the film three and a half stars out of five.^[4]

Lovia Gyarkye of The Hollywood Reporter gave the film a negative review and wrote, "It's disappointing when *The Good Half* undercuts its own momentum. Jagged transitions and an overuse of slow-motion, needle-drop moments contribute to the overall unevenness."^[5]

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Promotional poster

Directed by Robert Schwartzman

Written by Brett Ryland

Produced by Brett Ryland
Russell Wayne Groves
Robert Schwartzman

Starring Nick Jonas
Brittany Snow
David Arquette
Alexandra Shipp
Matt Walsh
Elisabeth Shue

Cinematography Michael Rizzi

Edited by Chris Donlon

Production company The Ranch Productions

Distributed by Utopia

Damon Wise of *Deadline Hollywood* also gave the film a negative review and wrote, "If only the script had taken such a deep dive."^[6]

Kyndall Cunnighman of *The Daily Beast* also gave the film a negative review and wrote, "From its formulaic plot to its mechanical dialogue and one-dimensional characters, *The Good Half* is as generic and uncurious as a movie about grief and masculinity can get."^[7]

Release dates	June 8, 2023 (Tribeca Film Festival) July 23, 2024 (United States)
Running time	110 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English

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