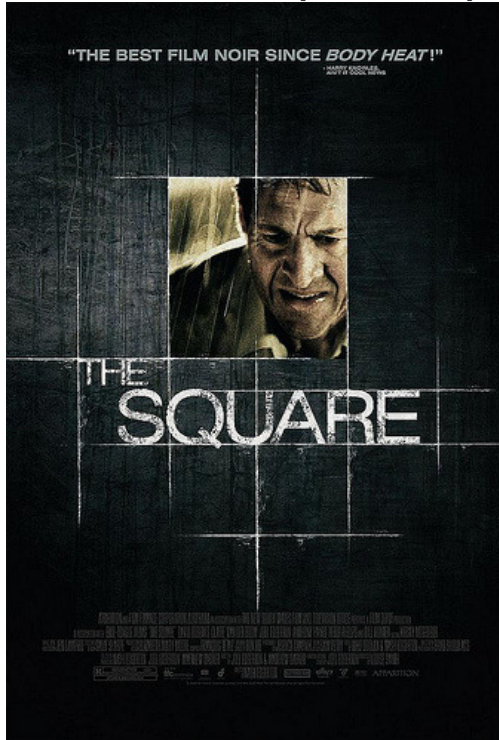


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Crooked lives form a perfect “Square”



Roll over Bill Holden, and tell Bob Mitchum the news. No *film noir* antihero was ever dogged by worse luck than construction foreman Raymond Yale (David Roberts) in the 2008 Australian thriller “*The Square*.” Filmmaking brothers Nash and Joel Edgerton infuse this most satisfying of genres with a flavor that’s distinctly Down Under; the rugged, lawless quality of Movie Australia marries well with the familiar *noir* topography. Roberts — a leaner, manlier version of silver-mopped American Idol Taylor Hicks — is devastating as the man in midlife crisis who talks of chucking it all to run away with his young lover. When he sets his dream in motion in the midst of the sun-drenched Christmas holiday, he quickly discovers that he can’t move fast enough to cover his tracks — and that everyone in his comfortable world is as crooked as the day is long. Catch “*The Square*” at the Varsity through Wednesday, April 28; tickets are \$7.50-\$10 (only \$7 on Bargain Tuesday!) and include a screening of Nash Edgerton’s short “*Spider*,” which will jar you into the proper frame of mind for the main feature. - *Sheri Quirt*



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