

DVD OF THE MONTH

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After successfully teaming together on *Juno*, writer Diablo Cody and director Jason Reitman return with another winner, albeit it in a very different style. Charlize Theron plays Mavis Gary, a young fiction writer, whose perceptions on her own reality are somewhat distorted. Returning to her hometown, Mavis is set on reclaiming her high school beau, despite his new happy life with a wife and baby. Theron does not shy away from the compulsive darkness that embodies Mavis, whose nonchalance is acutely disturbing. Bleak yet witty, *Young Adult* highlights one woman's descent without victimising her struggle.

~ James Madden