



## CERTAIN WOMEN

Autumn  
Season  
2017

Release: 2016

Cert (UK): 12A

Country: UK

Language: English

Runtime: 107 mins

Director: Kelly Reichardt

Writer: Kelly Reichardt

Cinematographer: Christopher Blauvelt

Cast: Michelle Williams, Kristen Stewart, Laura Dern



It's a subtly contrived study of three different lives (actually, is it four?) based on short stories by Montana author Maile Meloy, from her 2009 collection *Both Ways Is the Only Way I Want It*. The women's existences don't exactly intersect, neither precisely do they overlap, nor can they be accurately said to interrelate.

'Powerful, focused, nervy, lean. *Certain Women* is a work of art produced by a director in full control of her material. It leaves you reeling. Coming out of the cinema, I found myself looking at the women around me and wondering what their stories were. The actresses are all marvellous in their roles. Gladstone gives the standout performance, but Williams is excellent at conveying barely contained frustration in what is arguably the most tricky of the four main parts. They know to keep their counsel, these women: know the importance of restraint, silence, of knowing when to speak and when to act and when to stay still. So, too, does Reichardt.' - BFI

'... the final segment, with its melancholy rhythms and lovely, textured performances from Stewart and Gladstone, that elevates the film into the unassuming masterpiece that it is.' - Wendy Ide, *The Guardian*