

Suspicion

99 mins, USA, b/w

Dir Alfred Hitchcock

Cary Grant, Joan Fontaine,

Cedric Hardwicke, Nigel Bruce



Although Alfred Hitchcock's study in gradually mounting suspicion has a contrived happy ending, there is still plenty of enjoyable suspense before the climax. Cary Grant plays a suave playboy who charms bookish Joan Fontaine into marriage. Grant's financial problems are soon revealed, and when his bumbling friend Beaky (Nigel Bruce, providing a variation on his familiar Doctor Watson role) is killed, Fontaine comes to believe that Grant is responsible. Joan Fontaine again excels playing the same kind of wide-eyed, sheltered English innocent she portrayed so convincingly in *Rebecca* (1940); this time her efforts were rewarded with an Oscar for Best Actress.