

Watched Up In The Air last night. It's a little jewel. The dialogue is crisp and funny and poignant all at the same time. The performances are just lovely. It circles back on itself beautifully so that every little touch pays off. The direction is creative yet understated.

I can see why it was nominated for Best Picture. I don't think it will win -- it will be viewed as too slight, but that's a shame. I don't want to give too much away, but watching the young, bright-eyed bushy-tailed newly graduated efficiency expert get a lesson in the necessity of humans deal humanely with each other from a man who hasn't got a sincere bone in his body, is genius.

And to see that man find his humanity and get screwed in the process is a lovely note. I saw it coming, but that was okay, it was so well done.

This movie is a treasure. Go see it. You won't be sorry.

And for all of us S.F. geeks -- hey there are two science fiction movies on the ballot. How cool is that?