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### STAR RATINGS EXPLAINED

- Unmissable ★★★★★
- Excellent ★★★★★
- Good ★★★★★
- Poor ★★★★★
- Tragic ★★★★★

### FILM DETAILS

- Certificate**  
TBC
- Cast**  
Riz Ahmed  
Daniel Mays.
- Directors**  
Eran Creevy.
- Screenwriters**
- Running Time**  
TBC minutes

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## Shifty

The dealer's life on an outer London estate.



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### Plot

An old friend returns to town and 'Shifty', an almost reluctantly, successful crack dealer finds things get a lot more complicated.

### Review

Following on from Steven Sheil's lo-fi horror Mum & Dad, Shifty offers further testament to the value of Film London's Microwave scheme, whereby upcoming filmmakers get to make their pictures with a budget of £100,000.

Writer/director Eran Creevy crafts a conventional tale (awkward homecoming for friend with dark past, good-hearted protagonist entangled in crime), but laces it with some wonderfully idiosyncratic detail. Both leads — Riz Ahmed as the eponymous dealer, Daniel Mays as his prodigal pal Chris — turn in warm performances, and while Creevy lets himself down a little with a forced twist, his film is an engaging and intelligently character-driven calling card.

### Verdict

Good central performances in this highly, entertaining character-driven debut.



Reviewed by Dan Jolin



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Average user rating for Shifty



#### surprisingly good

Shifty is a really low budget British film, relying on character development and story. It's exactly the story with its cool little twist at the end that will leave you satisfied. Set in 24 life changing hours on a grey outer London estate its easy to side with Chis as he returns to his home town and is wearily roped along by his old (now drug dealing) mate, Shifty. Love the story from Shifty himself, about the heroin addicted girl who fell asleep and melted into the radiator. It's a film tha... [More](#)



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#### Pleasantly Surprised..

Great naturalistic acting, good script and a story that grips until the end make Shifty one of the best recent British films. Its the understated nature and slow build up that really makes this film work. ... [More](#)



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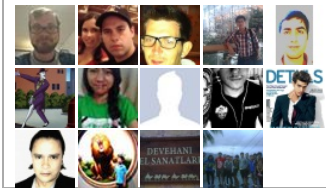
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