

## “The Angels’ Share”

### Ken Loach

#### Re-cap

Answer the questions below with a partner.

1. Where does the story take place?
2. Who are the main characters?
3. What crimes or offences have Robbie and his friends committed?
4. Explain Robbie’s dilemma.
5. How does his interest in whisky begin?
6. What is “The Angels’ Share”?
7. How much Malt Mill do they steal?
8. Who does Robbie sell it to and what does he want in return?
9. How much Malt Mill does he sell in the end? What happens to the rest of it?
10. What does Robbie do with the money? What are his friends going to do with their share?

#### **Read and discuss these comments made by film critics.**

*[Ken Loach] and his longtime screenwriter, Paul Laverty, find a good balance between drama and wacky character moments.* [J. R. Jones](#) Chicago Reader

*A fairy tale with its feet firmly on the ground.* [Joe Williams](#) St. Louis Post-Dispatch

*As unlikely a fable of redemption as any that Hollywood might deliver, elevated by Loach's insistence on naturalism.* [John Beifuss](#) Commercial Appeal (Memphis, TN)

*They're a fun bunch of tart-tongued Scots, and if their adventures don't amount to anything of thematic significance, watching them is a pleasure.* [Eric D. Snider](#) EricDSnider.com

*A few clumsy touches do not seriously diminish the charm of a film that is ultimately a heart-warming celebration of kindness, friendship and forgiveness. Like a fine whisky, the angry old man of British social realism seems to be mellowing with age. It suits him.* [The Hollywood Reporter](#), Stephen Dalton

#### Glossary

**Wacky** = crazy

**Bunch** = group

**Tart-tongued** = used to describe someone who speaks very directly, in a rather shocking way

**Mellowing** = becoming softer and warmer (whisky) becoming wiser, gentler, easier to talk to (person)

#### Scots dialect

The following items of Scots dialect were frequently used throughout the film. What do they mean?

- a) Aye          b) wee          c) cannae          d) youse

**What did you think of the film? Consider the following: plot, script, acting, action, soundtrack.**