

Twelve Angry Men

95 mins, USA, b/w

Dir Sidney Lumet

*Henry Fonda, Lee J Cobb, Ed Begley,
E G Marshall, Jack Warden*



Set almost entirely in the debating chamber of a New York court, Sidney Lumet's drama creates a tangible air of claustrophobia and tension. After hearing the evidence in court, 12 nameless jurors have to decide whether a Cuban juvenile is guilty of murder. The verdict of 'guilty' is unanimous save for one man, Henry Fonda, who becomes the quiet voice of reason, gradually convincing his fellow jurors (and us) that there is room in the case for reasonable doubt. Along the way, racial hatred and various other forms of bigotry are explored through a compelling cast of character actors.