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In order to gain a piece of his father-in-law's fortune, a financially desperate husband (William H. Macy) hires two hitmen (Steve Buscemi and Peter Stormare) to fake a kidnapping of his wife in Joel and Ethan Coen's 1996 noir-comedy film, *Fargo*. Frances McDormand won a 1996 best actress Oscar for her portrayal of the pregnant police chief who cracks the botched-kidnapping, multiple-homicide case. More than murders, people-pulverizing woodchippers, and snowstorms, *Fargo* brought allegedly genuine midwestern mannerisms and dialect to urban America, and an Academy award for best original screenplay to the native-Minnesotan Coen brothers.

## Further Reading:

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