Film Title: First Cow
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Film Rating: PG-13
Genre: Drama/Western
Run Time: 2 hour 2 min
Director: Kelly Reichardt
Leading cast members: John Magaro, Orion Lee
Screenplay: Jonathan Raymond based on the novel
"The Half-Life" by Jon Raymond.

This may not be a film for everyone, it is very slow paced building characters rather than having a lot of action, typical of art house fare. Patient viewers will be rewarded. The central character "Cookie" (Magaro) is a very soft spoken man that forms a close friendship with another outcast (Lee), the two start a risky business partnership in the American frontier. This friendship is the heart of the film and is developed more in how they act than in what they say. It's refreshing to see since rarely does Hollywood portray friendships between men this way. John Magaro gives a very quiet, understated and sensitive performance. A lovely man that will stay with you long after the credits have rolled.