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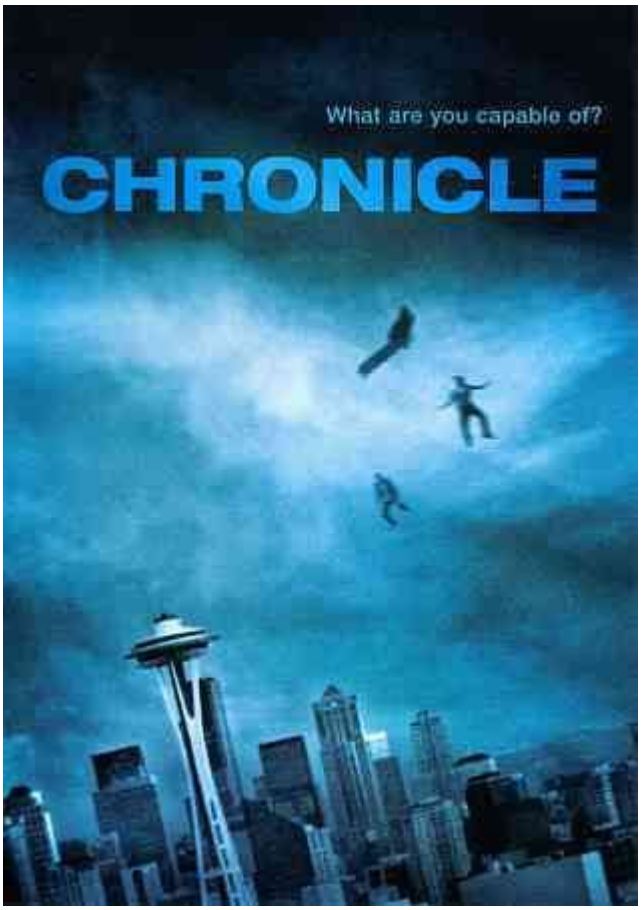

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I think there are very few of us who haven't at one time or another dreamed of being a superhero. The chance to fly, manipulate objects with our minds and be nearly invulnerable would be wonderful. I'm sure we'd all like to think that we would be noble and use our power for good. Chronicle is the record of three teenage boys who after encountering a strange object underground begin to develop special powers. They start slowly at first but over time their powers develop. Having such new powers invites mistakes, accidents, and failures.

The story is told totally through the lens of cameras. Some are personal cameras, security cameras, dashboard cameras, but without the use of a professional cameraman. When the film started I had fears of the "Blair Witch Project [2]" and motion sickness. Instead, after a rocky start, I found a film that was very easy to watch and I was entertained. The film flowed easily and believably. I could imagine myself as a teenager facing these same issues. The film was directed by Josh Trank who paces the film smoothly, flowing from one scene to another. The actors, Dane DeHaan, Alex Russel and Michael B. Jordan managed to make themselves believable teenagers. I never once thought of them as anything else. They are the kind of kids I would have hung out with as a teen. I could have called them friends. This film is

not without its action moments. I don't want to spoil the ending so that's all I will say except...sometimes hard choices have to be made. The question is, if you are young and have super powers, will you make the right one?
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