Whilst watching the film, I felt a strong sense of admiration for Gardner. I felt this because even through all his struggles, he always tried his hardest, not just for himself but for his son. No matter how bad his life gets, he is always trying to make life better for his son. This determination that he shows taught me that nothing is impossible, and working hard always pays off. This determination can be seen when Gardner in the car with Jay. Jay was trying to solve a Rubik’s cube when he said “This is impossible.” Gardner replies “Nothing’s impossible. I can do it.” This certainty and belief in himself that Gardner shows makes me admire him. He truly believes that nothing is impossible, and he proves this not just by solving a Rubik’s cube, but by going from bankruptcy to wealth and happiness. This film made me think that happiness is something that you pursue. You work hard and try to gain it. It is not something that is rewarded through luck or bias. Because this movie is based on a true story, I have learnt that working hard does pay off and working hard is the best way to achieve your goals.

I also felt sorry for Gardner because of the weight that he carried on his shoulders. This weight was his son. He promised his son that everything would be fine and his son trusted his word. Gardner’s son, Christopher, did not know what his father was going through, and had not experienced life properly as he is only 5. Christopher thinks that his life is alright while Gardner knows that their life at the moment is very below average. We can see this when they pretend that the x-ray machine is a time machine and they sleep in the toilets of a subway. Here we see Gardner crying. At this point, I feel extremely sorry for Gardner. I learnt that if someone really loves someone, then they will do anything to let them have a happy life. He does everything he can for his son, and for these reasons I admire him, and feel sorry for him for what he goes through.