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## 'Nomadland' journeys through joy and sorrow

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**B**ased on the nonfiction book "Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century," by Jessica Bruder, director and writer Chloe Zhao takes audiences on a quiet, almost poetic character-led journey with star Frances McDormand as our guide through this nomadic lifestyle.

The fictionalized story we go on is anchored around Fern, a 60-something-year-old woman who hits the road in an old camper van after her husband has died, she loses her job when the United States Gypsum Company shutsters and the company town where she lives along with it.

Set in 2011, Fern can't survive on retirement money so she begins wandering from town to town doing odd jobs including

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### More Information

"Nomadland"

107 minutes

Rated R for some full nudity.

