

Oscar nominees – Best supporting actress



1 Michelle Williams: Nominated for her role in ***Brokeback Mountain*** where she plays a woman in denial over the gay affair her husband is carrying on with an old ranch-hand partner

2 Rachel Weisz: Plays activist wife of British diplomat in ***The Constant Gardener***, whose investigations into corrupt business dealings in Africa lead to her murder

3 Catherine Keener: A solid embodiment of author Harper Lee in ***Capote***, aiding her lifelong friend Truman Capote in his research for the true-crime novel ***In Cold Blood***

4 Frances McDormand: Presents a sturdy, resilient presence in ***North Country***, in which she plays Glory, a miner suffering from a debilitating neurological disorder

5 Amy Adams: This year's out-of-the-blue newcomer. In ***Junebug***, Adams is a breath of pure freshness as a wide-eyed Southern gal entranced by her husband's worldly new sister-in-law