

# DVD Review: *Vacancy*

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Looking for something to rent this weekend? If you want a mediocre thrill that has some interesting plot devices, try *Vacancy*.

Starring the ever-average Luke Wilson, whom I can't help but like for some reason, and the beautifully British Kate Beckinsale, *Vacancy* begins with an eeriness that never lets up, that is until the action really starts.

The plot revolves around a broke down car, a remote motel, and the unlucky and unhappy couple, David and Amy Fox. Soon after they retire to their motel room from a rough night, they begin to realize that something is not quite right. David, played by Wilson, finds some video tapes and upon playing them, finds gruesome scenes of murder. Soon after, he figures out that the room pictured in the videos is the same room the he and Amy are currently in.



Things become increasingly frightening as they realize that they are the subjects of an upcoming snuff film, much like the videos that were left lying in the room. All involved must be commended on how well the building tension works up until this point, as it is genuinely creepy and uncomfortable.

Beyond these scenes of escalating tension we have the typical horror-movie style chase scenes which really undo the wonderful tension and atmosphere that are apparent in the rest of the movie.

The best acting in the film

goes to the Norman Bates-esque villain portrayed by Frank Whaley. He is nerdy, weird, violent and sinister all at the same time. His portrayal of the motel-manger would be disturbing to even the most emotionless of audiences.

Ultimately, the film finishes with a ridiculously Hollywood event that stretches the suspension of disbelief well beyond its breaking point. All in all, *Vacancy* is a pretty good thrill and uses its snuff-film plot pretty well, but it really goes nowhere.

## HOROSCOPE

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**Aries:** If your hear "This Magic Moment" idly gaze towards 3 o'clock.

Lucky Color: Gangrene

**Taurus:** A fortune from a cookie will plot your ironic demise.

Lucky Color: Crap Bag

**Gemini:** If your hear "This Magic Moment," an Aries will be idly gazing at from 3 o'clock

Lucky Color: Rusty Infected Nail

**Cancer:** Herpes is real- protect yourselves!

Lucky Color: Banana Hammock Yellow

**Leo:** If you're hot, call 914-500-7495. Ask for Gene.

Lucky Color: Banjo White

**Virgo:** If you eat a rock beware of dental consequences.

Lucky Color: River Brown

**Libra:** Don't let an eyeful of sand get you down.

Lucky Color: Blind

**Scorpio:** Quote a colonial American figurehead and you shall be rewarded...intimately.

Lucky Color: Hillbilly Tooth Gold

**Sagittarius:** The sky is up. The ground is down. If you play your cards right you won't end up in either.

Lucky Color: What the hell?

**Capricorn:** Follow the raven at dusk.

Lucky Color: Black like your soul

**Aquarius:** Your life will be like a Disney movie. So find a four-legged companion and be on the look out for a royal lover disguised or in peril.

Lucky Color: Princess Pink

**Pisces:** RRUUUNNN!!!!

Lucky Color: Staph Red

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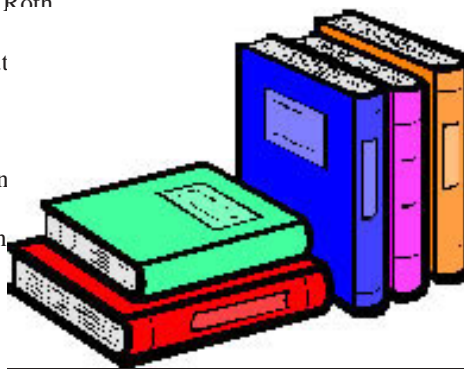
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