

# 'Crocodile II' lacks punch

RECENT RELEASES:

"Crocodile Dundee II" (C) (PG) 110 minutes.  
Dundee (Paul Hogan) is "experiencing" New York while living with journalist Sue (Linda Kozlowski). They get involved with Colombian drug dealers, but Dundee saves the day and winks Sue off to Australia. It's cute, but not like the original. Reviewed by Jennifer Morse.

"Housekeeping" (F) (PG)  
A film starring Christine Lahti.  
"Nightfall" (F) (PG-13)  
Based on the story that established noted science fiction writer Isaac Asimov as a giant of the genre.

"White Mischief" (B-) (R) 110 minutes.  
Kenya 1940: Lust, greed and murder. Sir Broughton's (Joss Ackland) much younger wife (Greta Scacchi) has an affair with Erroll (Charles Dance). Broughton gives his OK, but

then Erroll is murdered. But who done it? Broughton or maybe one of Erroll's many mistresses. Bizarre ending, wacky characters and some gruesome scenes equal a so-so product. Reviewed by Jennifer Morse.

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the movies  
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Eugene Jerome (Matthew Broderick) learns about life — Army and otherwise — in this nice period piece set in a Biloxi (Mississippi) boot camp, 1945. Good performance by Christopher Walken as tough-but-sensitive sergeant whipping raw recruits into shape.

"Bright Lights, Big City" (B+) (R) 110 minutes.  
Jamie Conway (Michael J. Fox) shows the dark side of a young man's life. Cocaine, alcohol and New York at night are his diversions to escape the pain of life and death. Fox finally appears in a mature role and does it well.

"Carrier" (F) (R) 100 minutes  
Guys in plastic bags with axes, whacking away at one another over a bunch of cats that are inexplicably important in staying off the virus spread by the hero. Amateurish acting, bokey special effects and one of the axe-wielders must have chopped up the continuity director.

"Colors" (F) (R) 120 minutes.  
Trite, racially offensive film about veteran cop (Robert Duvall) training rookie (Sean Penn) as they confront Los Angeles street gangs. In addition to insulting stereotypes, the film rambles on, and Penn's acting reaches new depths of ineptitude. Even the normally excellent Duvall is wooden and uninspiring.

"Dead Heat" (F) (R)  
A little bit of everything from action to fantasy and comedy with Treat Williams, Joe Piscopo and Vincent Price, among others.

"Domieluck & Eugene" (A+) (PG-13) 105 minutes.  
A totally absorbing story of brotherly love. Tom Hulce puts in an Academy-Award performance as the "slow" brother who works on a garbage truck to help put his twin, Ray Liotta, through medical school. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll love it.

"Five Corners" (B) (R) 90 minutes.  
Picture the Bronx, 1964: Heinz (John Turturro) returns from prison after serving time for attempting to rape Linda (Jodie Foster). Set against civil rights and political action of those days, this interesting, entertaining film is not bad.

"Milagro Beanfield War" (F) (R)  
Robert Redford returns to the director's chair in this story of a courageous New Mexican farmer, with Ruben Blades, Richard Bradford, Sonia Braga and Daniel Stern.

Grading the movies

A+	Top marks - sure to please
A	Close behind - excellent
A-	Still in running for top honors
B+	Pretty good stuff, not perfect
B	Good
B-	Good but notable deficiencies
C+	Just a cut above average
C	Mediocre
C-	Not so hot and slipping fast
D+	The very best of the poor stuff
D	Poor
D-	It doesn't get much worse
F	Truly awful
Z	Reserved for the colossally bad
*	No advanced screening

"Friday the 13th, Part VII — The New Blood" (F) (R)  
Jason is back for number seven — the question is whether that is good luck for him, the audience or the producers, who continue to rake it in with this series.

"Good Morning Vietnam" (A) (R) 120 minutes.  
Non-stop Robin Williams at his very best as Armed Forces Radio DJ in Vietnam.

"The Last Emperor" (A) (PG-13) 125 minutes.  
Bernardo Bertolucci's stunning presentation of the epic tale of China's last emperor, Pui Yi. A fascinating story of survival through two world wars and Mao's Communist takeover of mainland China.

"The Manchurian Candidate" (B+) (PG-13).  
They may not make movies like they used to, but they do re-release the old ones. This 1962 all-star espionage thriller features Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey, Angela Lansbury and Janet Leigh. Worth the trip to your local film house.

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"Rambo III" (C+) (R) 100 minutes.  
Who sez they don't make "B" movies anymore? They do but with "A" budgets. Stallone's macho heroics, destroying Russians in Afghanistan, are mistimed for release now as Soviets pull out. But not bad for what it is.


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"Stormy Monday" (B) (R) 90 minutes.  
British import is OK action/romance about sleazy English night club operator fighting off takeover attempt by Mr. Big from Texas, U.S.A.

"Stand and Deliver" (D) (PG) 100 minutes.  
Sit and be bored. Aside from slow pace and half dozen unexplained plot complications, this story of math teacher in underprivileged school is tedious.

"Willow" (A) (PG) 126 minutes.  
Marvelous medieval adventure and romance with dragons, trolls, brownies, elves, witches and wizards as well as a bunch of grown-ups. Excellent entertainment in the best tradition of Disney, George Lucas and Hollywood. You can even take the kids.

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