

Short Review: “Jurassic Park” (1993) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Jurassic Park (1993). Universal Pictures, color, 127 min. Director: Steven Spielberg. Writers: Michael Crichton (novel) and David Koepp. Producers: Kathleen Kennedy and Gerald R. Molen. Cast: Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum, and Richard Attenborough.

A very rich man (Attenborough) builds a theme park with real dinosaurs (thanks to prehistoric mosquitoes and the DNA they carried). Of course, the scientists (Neill and Dern) are a bit skeptical and grow even more so as the dinosaurs decide to start eating the theme park guests for dinner. Aside from the dinosaur that gulps down a lawyer, there is little to be happy about here as the plot develops. This is “Westworld” done on a bigger and better budget with dinosaurs.

While Spielberg’s magic makes the dinosaurs come alive, he fails to make the character interactions very interesting. We kinda hoped Yul Brenner’s gunslinger would show up, and start blasting away at the dinosaurs. Oh, well. It was followed by “The Lost World: Jurassic Park” (1997) and “Jurassic Park III” (2001) and a high-energy ride at Universal Studios.

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