

Short Review: “Men in Black II” (2002) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Men in Black II (2002). Columbia Pictures, color, 88 min. Director: Barry Sonnenfeld.

Writers: Lowell Cunningham and Robert Gordon. Producers: Laurie MacDonald and Walter F. Parkes. Cast: Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Rip Torn, Lara Flynn Boyle, Rosario Dawson and Tony Shalhoub.

That secret organization that monitors extraterrestrial activity in “Men in Black” (1997) has a problem that may threaten the balance of the universe and put an end to Victoria’s Secret catalogs. An ET threat to peace in the galaxy has landed (Boyle), who looks great in lingerie, and she wants her revenge. Agent J (Smith) learns that Agent K (Jones) has retired with knowledge that must be retrieved. J picks up a witness/girl friend too (Dawson), and the boys are back in town. They serve and protect the universe. If you liked the first film, you will like this one. It is essentially the same film. Most of the fine actors are back, too. The pace is intense; the laughs are frequent. It is, however, a sequel, and for some reason some critics chose not to like it. Their loss, and our gain. Who cares about the plot when we’ve got Laura Flynn Boyle in various stages of undress!

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