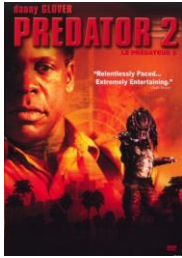


Short Review: "Predator 2" (1990) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Predator 2 (1990). Twentieth Century Fox, 108 min. Director: Stephen Hopkins. Producers: Joel Silver, Lawrence Gordon, and John Davis. Screenwriters: Jim Thomas and John Thomas. Music Composer: Alan Silvestri. Cast: Danny Glover, Gary Busey, Ruben Blades, Maria Conchita Alonso, Bill Paxton, Kevin Peter Hall, Robert Davi, Kent McCord, Calvin Lockhart, Adam Baldwin, and Morton Downy Jr.

With Schwarzenegger conspicuously absent, the sequel picks up ten years later in the violence-torn Los Angeles of the future. Police lieutenant Mike Harrigan (Glover minus his "Lethal Weapon" co-star Mel Gibson) discovers the Predator has intervened in a series of gang-land murders between rival drug dealers. As the body count increases, Harrigan allies himself with a couple of Men in Black (Busey and Baldwin) to fight the extraterrestrial hunter. But when he learns they mean to capture the creature, and not kill it, he carries on alone, fighting the Predator to the death. Glover is such a great actor, but compared with Schwarzenegger in a sequel to "Predator," he's a lightweight. The really cool part of the movie occurs when Glover ventures aboard the alien's spaceship, and we glimpse the skull of that now-famous, death-dealing indestructible juggernaut from "Alien" in the Predator's trophy case. Cool stuff! And a nifty set-up for the "Alien Versus Predator" (2004) movie.

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