

Short Review: “Back to the Future 3” (1990) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Back to the Future III (1990). Universal Pictures, color, 118 min. Director: Robert Zemeckis. Writers: Zemeckis and Bob Gale. Producers: Neil Canton and Bob Gale. Cast: Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd, Mary Steenburgen, Thomas F. Wilson. Like its previous entry, this film begins where its predecessor ended with McFly (Fox) trapped in 1955 until he receives a letter from Doc Brown, who is romancing Clara Clayton (Steenburgen) in the Old West of 1885. Fox finds the DeLorean, rescues Doc in a comic send-up of Clint Eastwood’s gunfight in “For a Few Dollars More” with a Tannen ancestor (Wilson), and makes everyone happy. This third film in the series has run out of steam, though not out of a steam locomotive that pushes the DeLorean to 88 mph, but the actors give it their best. The Old West is really the Hollywood “B” movie Old West, but, shucks partners, it still gets some laughs.

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