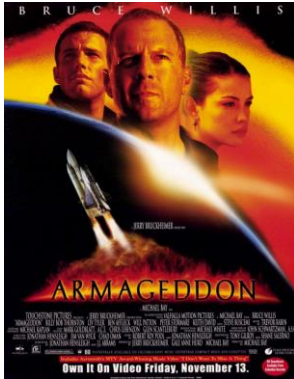


Short Review: “Armageddon” (1998) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Armageddon (1998). Touchstone Pictures, color, 144 min. Director: Michael Bay. Writers: Robert Ray Pool and Jonathan Hensleigh. Producers: Jerry Bruckheimer, Gale Anne Hurd, etc. Cast: Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler.

A number of small meteors smash into New York City to warm the planet up for an asteroid the size of Texas that will destroy the planet. Only the oil drilling team headed by Harry Stamper (Willis) can drill an 800-foot hole, plant a nuclear bomb and blow up the asteroid, if Stamper doesn't kill A. J. Frost (Affleck) for messing with his daughter (Tyler) first. A great cast that includes Steve Buscemi, Owen Wilson and Michael Clarke Duncan cannot save this film. Try “Deep Impact,” the other Asteroid movie that smashed into theater box offices in 1998, for a better example of more credible science and three-dimensional characters. Beautiful Liv Tyler is about the only thing that the two of us can recommend about this movie.

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