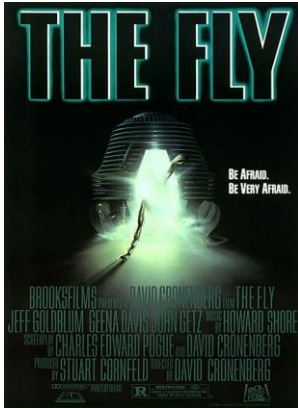


Short Review: “The Fly” (1986) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Fly, The (1986), 20th Century Fox, color, 95 min. Director: David Cronenberg. Writers: David Cronenberg, George Langelaan, etc. Cast: Jeff Goldblum, Geena Davis, John Getz, and Joy Boushel.

In this remake of the 1958 film, Seth Brundle (Goldblum) is the mad scientist who has a yen for reporter Veronica Quaife (Davis), and urges her to come back to the lab and see the teleportation device on his slab. The big showoff scores with the babe, and then decides to teleport himself, too. That was a mistake because, as we all know, a common house fly decided, at that exact moment, to take the teleportation journey with him. Soon, Brundle is fly/man Brundle with a few problems. Should he take Veronica to the big dance, or should he just hang out on the ceiling, watching, while she takes a shower? Anything Cronenberg does is worth a screening. He makes this film seem more plausible than the original. And no one intones, “There are things that man should not know.”

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