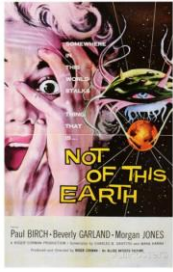


## Short Review: “Not of This Earth” (1957) by Dr. John L. Flynn



**Not of This Earth** (1957). Los Altos, b/w, 69min. Director, Producer: Roger Corman. Writers: Charles B. Giffith and Mark Hanna. Cast: Paul Birch, Beverly Garland, Morgan Jones, William Roderick, Jonathan Haze, and Dick Miller.

When Mr. Johnson (Birch), the alien in the gray flannel suit, comes to Earth looking for isotopically-pure human blood, he stumbles upon the services of a mad doctor (Jones) and his hot-to-trot nurse (Garland). The blood in his veins is drying up, just like that of his people, because of a devastating nuclear war on Davanna. Johnson quickly discovers that a simple transfusion will not do, and starts sending derelicts (and even a vacuum cleaner salesman, played by Dick Miller) through his matter transporter to his home world. Chillingly portrayed, particularly when Johnson removes his dark glasses to reveal pupil-less eyes, this was one of a handful of quickies produced by Roger Corman on a \$1.98 budget that paid off. Garland certainly sets the hormones racing in those tight tight sweaters of hers. Talk about putting an eye out! The film was later remade with Traci Lords in the same role. Va-va-voom!

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