

Short Review: “Galaxy Quest” (1999) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Galaxy Quest (1999). Dream Works Distribution, color, 102 min. Director: Dean Parisot.

Writer: David Howard. Producers: Mark Johnson and Charles Newirth. Cast: Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver, Alan Rickman and Tony Shalhoub.

Almost 20 years after their Sci-Fi series “Galaxy Quest” (a thinly-disguised “Star Trek”) has been cancelled, the cast is still making appearances, signing autographs at media conventions throughout the country. The egotistical captain (Allen) is approached by a race of humanoid aliens who have modeled their lives after the TV show and now need help to fight off a more aggressive race of aliens. Through the magic of show business, the officers including the busty Gwen DeMarco (Weaver), the ham actor-officer (Rickman) and the rest of the cast resume their battle stations and take on the alien menace in outer space. “Galaxy Quest” won a Hugo Award from SF fans who attend conventions. They loved the mix of comedy and melodrama, and Allen’s take on William Shatner’s Captain Kirk is uproarious.

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