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## Quick hit reviews-Penance, The Shortcut

I'm stealing this idea from Chris. There I said it. I've watch a couple films in the past week that don't quite warrant a full review, but are worth mentioning. Treat these reviews like the sports pages at the Ground Round restaurant-tack it above your toilet and read it while you pee for a quick review fix. Without further ado, here are some quick thoughts on the following.



Penance-Well we have a front runner for worst film of the year. There's not too much to say here except if you hate women and like nothing more than to watch them stripped, beaten, whipped, tortured and murdered for no other reason except for the fact that they've got a vagina, then Penance is the perfect movie for you. The found camera footage technique is used in this film, but in the case of Penance, it simply masks the director's inability to set up coherent and detailed shots as opposed to creating the illusion of reality. The plot concerns a religious fanatic that kidnaps strippers in an attempt to "cleanse" them of their sins by putting them through a tortuous routine before offing them. Films this bad that sometimes make me embarrassed to be a horror fan. I could write a full review about how much I hate this film, but just thinking about its shear horrendousness gives me an ice cream headache.



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