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Fear the Forest

Multi-hyphenate Matthew Bora's low-budget horror flick *Fear the Forest* co-stars [Anna Kendrick](#). No, no... not *that* [Anna Kendrick](#). A different one. But if I were Bora, I'd be slapping her name instead of my own above the title and everywhere else, even at the risk of courting some lawsuit, since **there's nothing else other than aggressively pursued consumer confusion to recommend this bloated slice of indie schlock.**

After a flashback opening linking a ghost-like creature to Native Americans, *Fear the Forest* lurches into the present day, in Mohawk Valley, New York, where **a bunch of kids journey deep into the woods for a weekend getaway.** Naturally, deaths ensue, while air-quote production value is achieved via motocross footage and a tipped-over canoe.

Because Bora is swinging for the fences, there's some plot nonsense about a governor's daughter, and plenty of phony, risible political intrigue. Basically all this means, however, is that ***Fear the Forest* is both terrible and long** (110 minutes), since its acting is awful, its dialogue ridiculous ("Girl, you are all that and a bag of chips!") and its story a mixed-up hodge-podge of stolen ideas executed much better almost anywhere else.

Housed in a regular plastic Amaray case with a push-in spindle, *Fear the Forest* comes to DVD presented in 1.78:1 widescreen, with an English language 2.0 stereo audio track. In addition to the movie's trailer and a pair of music videos, supplemental bonus material consists of five minutes of deleted scenes, as well as **a hearty collection of behind-the-scenes and making-of featurettes totaling nearly 60 minutes.** All of the on-set interviews are of course of the rather self-congratulatory variety, and the attention to detail is tipped off by the fact that some material refers to the movie as *Fear the Forest* and other just *Fear Forest*. **F (Movie) B- (Disc)**



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