

AAAH! ZOMBIES!! (2007)

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There's a clever little graphic at the beginning of Matthew Kohnen's *Aaah! Zombies!!* (A.K.A. *Wasting Away*) that depicts the evolution of man from mere monkey to intelligent man and finally flesh eating zombie. At this point zombies have been done to death in movies, so naturally they are up for mockery or some comedic spin. There have been some good zombie comedies in the past decade, such as *Shaun of the Dead* and to a lesser extent *Dance of the Dead*. But it is easy to screw up a zombie comedy, just take a look at *Dead* and *Breakfast* to see what I mean.

Aaah! Zombies!!, which director Matthew Kohnen co-wrote with his brother Sean, is a surprisingly well made zombie comedy that actually manages to put a new spin on the genre. Instead of being about a group of soldiers, scientists or regular Joe's trying to survive the zombie apocalypse, it's actually about a group of friends who have been turned into zombies and their coming to grips with their new path in life. Wow, a coming of age zombie movie... didn't see that one coming.

It's interesting how the movie is told. Instead of this foursome of friends (played by Matthew Davis, Michael Grant Terry, Julianna Robinson and Betsy Beutler) seeing the world as zombies, they still see things as they did when they were human. Whenever the movie is in black and white we are seeing reality and the four of them are staggering zombies. But, when color kicks in we are seeing the delusional world of these zombies where they are still normally functioning humans. It's a bit weird, but it does add something unique to the experience.

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