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Aaah! Zombies!! AKA Wasting Away

Aaah! Zombies!! is a sweet-natured zombie comedy. It's not like there haven't been zombie comedies before, *Shaun of the Dead* and *Zombieland* both plowing their own furrows to reasonable success, but *Aaah Zombies!*! is a little different in that the protagonists are a group of zombies themselves, seeing themselves as normal and everyone else as ultra-fast 'infected'. After eating some contaminates ice cream, a group of twenty-somethings with easily-conquerable social maladies are transformed into

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Our heroes as they see themselves.

These zombies can talk. And talk. And then talk some more. It's ironic given that they're meant to be the shambling undead, but the central characters just do not stop. The jokes are mostly poor, but the writer-director Matthew Kohnen seem to think that the best way to make a bad joke work is to drag it on and on and on until the audience has been beaten soundly around the head with it. There's one character who is a pretty poor soldier. But he pretends to be a good one. We get this straight away, but the filmmakers ram it home again and again. It's meant to be part of his character arc (each of the characters have a repeatedly-highlighted flaw, either being romantically timid, a bit of a jerk, or just plain rubbish), but it's handled so painfully that it's almost torturous by the end.



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Hot zombie lovin'!

The cast make a decent attempt at pulling a decent film from the weak script and the performances are pretty strong all-round, but the central conceit is worn paper-thin by the end, and is applied so inconsistently across the film's running time that any good will the characters and occasional strong gags generate is squandered by the time the film drags itself to its eventual conclusion. It's a shame, as with a rewrite, more physical comedy in place of overwrought and unfunny jokes, and a reduced running time this could turn *Aaah!! Zombies* into a great film. As it stands, *Aaah!! Zombies* is hard to dislike given the enthusiasm on display, but it isn't good enough to stand on anything more than just goodwill.

Bottom Line

An occasionally funny film with some good ideas that's hamstrung by a poor script and a lack of focus on the central conceit. Zombie completists may get something out of it, but there are far better undead comedies out there.

the undead. We see the world through their eyes in colour, with the normal humans view in black and white, as they head off to find the cause of what they believe to be the infection.

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