

# Shattered Ravings

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## Movie Review – Thankskilling (2009)

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Directed by [Jordan Downey](#)

Courtesy of MVD Visual

Released: 2009



Yup, that's right...I'm finally reviewing the killer turkey movie that some of you have probably heard about. You know you've been curious about it. I know it's not Thanksgiving anymore, but we still have turkey at Christmas, so...

In addition to zombies and sci-fi, I absolutely love movies that are labeled 'so-bad-they're-good'. I mean, seriously...if you can't have fun watching a movie, then why watch it? THANKSKILLING is one of those goofy movies that you can't help but love.

If you're not familiar with THANKSKILLING, here is the plot synopsis courtesy of the DVD case:

*Turkie sayz: What's the darn movie about? ME! Killin' college kids pun-by-pun over Thanksgiving break! I shoot shotguns, wear disguises, and yell campy one-liners like "You just got stuffed!" (Ya'll have to excuse my "fowl" language). Plus – this sucker was made for only \$3,500!*

Ok, so this really doesn't tell you much about the plot...but I had to throw it out there for you. The actual basis of the story is this: after the first Pilgrims disrespected the Native American Indians that were already

living on the land, the Indians had their most powerful shaman seek vengeance on the Pilgrims. The shaman resurrected a vicious turkey from the dead and sent it out to kill everyone. And, as the story goes, the turkey rises from the grave every 505 years to kill again. This time, a group of unlikely college kids are the targets.

Make no mistake: THANKSKILLING is one of those movies that is made to be cheesy and fun. You can tell that from the title alone. But it is definitely a B movie, so don't go into it expecting an Academy Award winning production.

Director Jordan Downey does an excellent job of combining humor and horror with this film. The humor comes mostly from the literally foul-mouthed turkey that likes to taunt his victims before and while he's killing them. But I have to admit: the turkey has some excellent one-liners. Most of them are too 'fowl' to mention here...but you should definitely hear them.

As to be expected, the acting is not good at all and the character dialogue is very, very campy. But, like I said, that's what you should expect from a movie that features a killer turkey. And, honestly, it only adds to the enjoyment. THANKSKILLING will not win any Oscars, but it will leave you laughing.

My buddy Hayes over at Hayes Hudson's House of Horror called this 'a perfect example of a perfect party movie' (click [here](#) to read his review of the film), and I agree completely. This film would be perfect to watch as a group...I can only imagine the kind of discussions that could be had from there! BBQ, beer, and THANKSKILLING...what better way to spend a Friday night?

Fans of campy, over-the-top horror/comedies will absolutely love THANKSKILLING. I sure did and I even heard my wife chuckling from the other room a couple of times. Definitely check this one out, even if just to say that you've watched it. If you don't like the film, it sure is a heck of a conversation piece.

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