

# 'Jaws 2' a high budget, quality sequel

by Terri Dupuis  
Peter Benchley's terrifying suspense novel about a killer shark was one of the most phenomenal best-selling novels of recent years. Three years ago "Jaws" was made into a movie. It made a name for its talented young director Steven Spielberg; it made stars of three previously little-known actors Richard Dreyfuss, Robert Shaw and Roy Scheider; it became the highest-grossing movie ever made up to that time; and it frightened a lot of people out of going into the water that summer.

In Hollywood, a movie which makes a lot of money always calls for a sequel. Now three years after "Jaws", a

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sequel simply called "Jaws 2" has recently been released. "Jaws 2" is made by the same producing team of Richard Zanuck and David Brown. But Steven Spielberg is absent as director; he has gone on to other things like "Close Encounters Of The Third Kind". Helming the new "Jaws" movie is a Frenchman named Jeannot Szwarc, whose only previous feature-film credit was a horror shocker called "Bug".

Missing from the cast of the new "Jaws" movie is Robert Shaw and Richard Dreyfuss.

Quint, the old fisherman played by Shaw, was played of course at the climax of the first "Jaws". Dreyfuss was too busy with assignments like "Close Encounters" and "The Goodbye Girl" to fit another "Jaws" movie into his schedule.

Carrying over into "Jaws 2" are four performers from the original cast: Roy Scheider as police chief Brody; Lorraine Gary as his wife; Murray Hamilton as the town's mayor, and the young actor who played Brody's deputy. Scheider is required to

carry the picture this time in the main role of Brody. He copes decently with his assignment, but I still missed the presence of Matt Hooper, the irrepressible oceanographer Richard Dreyfuss portrayed in the original JAWS.

"Jaws 2" takes place four years after the events of the first movie. We learn that the island community of Amity has been suffering economically as a result of the bad publicity it received from the shark attacks. The tourist town is just beginning to build up again. A luxurious Holiday Inn has been built to entice the tourists. The mayor, the town council and local

businessmen are hopeful that Amity is once again becoming a thriving summer community. The last thing they want are another series of shark attacks. Ominously, a number of accidents begin to occur, and police chief Brody suspects that a ferocious new shark is menacing Amity. The mayor and council attempt to ignore Brody's warnings, but he proves to be right.

Unlike the sequel to "The Exorcist," which was a low-budget fizzle of a rip-off, "Jaws 2" is a well-made high-budget (\$10 million) quality sequel.

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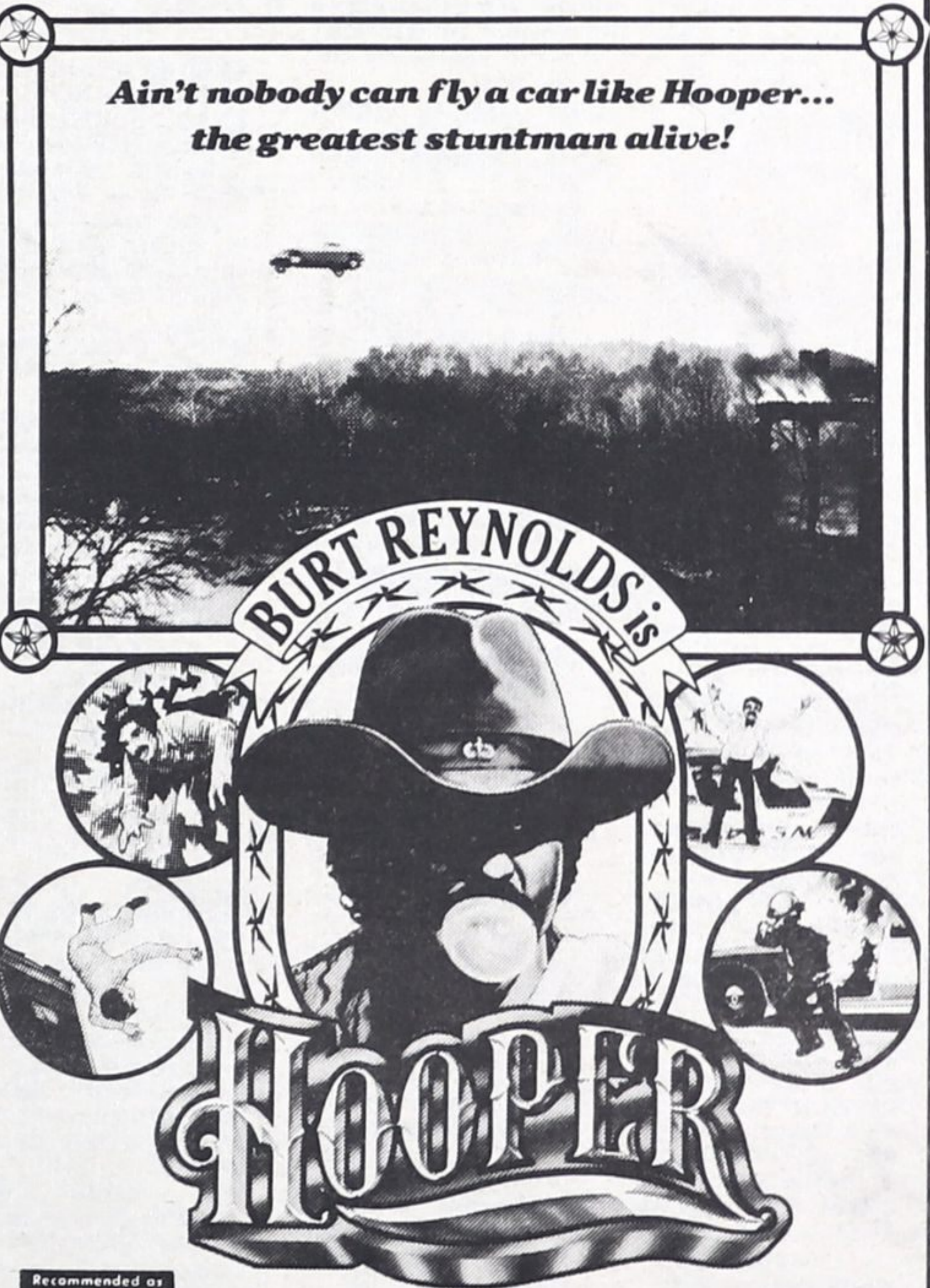
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