

Jackie Brown great fun for fans of Tarantino

Following the breakthrough success of the dark and wickedly funny *Pulp Fiction*, there were a lot of people who were curious to see what writer/director Quentin Tarantino would do for an encore.

And three years later he's delivered the long awaited follow-up in the form of *Jackie Brown*.

Perhaps fearful of becoming a "cult" director or having his work pigeonholed as one type of film or another, Tarantino switches gears from the visceral and narratively dense *Pulp Fiction* and *Reservoir Dogs* while retaining some of his trademark elements with mixed results.

Based on the Elmore Leonard novel *Rum Punch*, *Jackie Brown* is Tarantino's version of a Blaxploitation picture double-crossed with a crime caper.

Pam Grier stars as the title character, a money running flight attendant who, after being caught with drugs and money, agrees

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to help two federal agents (Michael Keaton and Michael Bowen) lay a trap for her gun-dealing friend, Ordell (Samuel L. Jackson). She is to bring \$500,000 into the U.S. from Mexico.

But realizing she has an opportunity to con the con men and make a few extra bucks in the process, she devises a scheme to skim most of the loot for herself.

In order to do this, however, she has to co-ordinate a complicated scam that also involves Ordell's henchman and girlfriend (Robert De Niro and Bridget Fonda), a washed up singer (Lisa Gay Hamilton) and a bail bondsman (Robert Forster).

Although *Jackie Brown* is nowhere near as violent or original as Tarantino's previous features, including those he's written for other directors, it does contain the blunt, machine-gun banter we've come to expect from his characters. (And while Tarantino's been criticized for overusing a certain racial epithet, it's used in a manner consistent with the film's setting and characters.)

One of the film's greatest flaws is that it takes more than two and a half hours to tell what is essentially a fairly simple story. And while the banter is generally amusing, it quickly becomes tedious.

The other problem is that Grier and Forster, while adequate in their roles, are not great actors and don't have the charisma or talent to carry the film on their own.

Jackie Brown will appeal mostly to Tarantino fans or those looking for something a little non-traditional this holiday season. But those expecting *Pulp Fiction* Pt. 2 should probably skip it.

-Stuart Green, Movie Reviewer

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Robert De Niro and Bridget Fonda star in Quentin Tarantino's *Jackie Brown*.

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