

Two hours, three laughs



Screen Scene

Stuart Green

Let's get one thing about *Six Days, Seven Nights* out of the way right up front

Despite her recent coming out and the revelation of her relationship with TV's *Ellen*, Anne Heche — or more specifically the issue of her believability as a leading lady — is not a liability. Well, no more than anything else that's wrong with this occasionally amusing but largely bland-by-the-numbers romantic comedy/adventure.

Heche stars opposite and plays the love interest of Harrison Ford in this Ivan Reitman-directed catastrophe.

She's Robin, a snooty magazine editor on vacation in an island paradise with her whiny boyfriend (played a little too perfectly by David Schwimmer, Ross on *Friends*). Ford's Quinn, a hard-drinking, womanizing

pilot who has a regular affair going with an exotic night club dancer (Jacqueline Obradors).

Quinn and Robin end up stranded together on a deserted island when their plane goes down en route to the mainland. They must rely on their wits a few scant supplies to help them survive the elements, a gang of pirates and each other.

Of course the tension is simply foreshadowing of their deep-seated attraction and I'm not giving anything away by telling you they end up falling in love. Meanwhile, back on the island resort, the fiancé and the girlfriend find comfort in each others' arms as well.

Playing like a cross between *Romancing the Stone* and *Gilligan's Island*, *Six Days, Seven Nights* offers neither the chemistry of Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner or the light-hearted cheesy camp of Bob Denver getting whacked by the Skipper.

Heche and Ford trade well-scripted barbs with professionalism and enthusiasm, but no

real believability. Reitman, who insists on making these sort of family-oriented comedies that have no bark or bite, does nothing to help matters. At times it looks like this movie was simply an excuse to spend a few months working in Hawaii.

Six Days, Seven Nights is as formulaic and predictable as movies get these days.



Harrison Ford is stranded with Anne Heche

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