

Earth Girls Are Easy ★★½

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Verdict: Skip It

Earth Girls Are Easy gives new meaning to the phrase, "leave your brain at the door." Although it's silly and fun, *Earth Girls Are Easy* also is mindless, unoriginal, and altogether forgettable.

The movie arose from the twisted mind of July Brown, the singer and video star who's responsible for such classic tunes as "The Homecoming Queen Has a Gun" and "I Like My Men Big and Stupid." Brown co-wrote *Earth Girls Are Easy*, which takes its name from one of her songs.

Geena Davis stars as a manicurist from the Valley who catches her fiancé in bed with another woman. The next day as she's sulking and sunbathing, a space ship inhabited by three furry and sex-starved aliens crash lands in her swimming pool. The aliens, who look kind of like teddy bears, quickly learn English by watching television—isn't that original? Davis initially panics in reaction to her unusual house-guests, but then she comes to her senses and takes them to the "Curl Up & Dye" beauty salon for electrolysis. With their fur removed, we finally can recognize the three aliens as Jeff Goldblum and comedians Jim Carrey and Damon Wayans. The movie depicts their fish-out-of-water misadventures, which include an interplanetary love story between Goldblum and Davis.

Earth Girls Are Easy is consistently entertaining and engaging. Director Julian Temple, who's best

known for rock videos and the film *Absolute Beginners*, has created a colorful and fast-moving film. Davis' talents are well suited to her weird and eccentric, yet sympathetic, character. Brown is extremely appealing in her supporting role as Davis' air-headed, fun-loving, and boy-crazy boss; she's especially hilarious in a musical scene at the beach in which she extols the virtues of being a dizzy blonde. And Carrey, Wayans, and Goldblum make the most of their one-dimensional roles.

Unfortunately, *Earth Girls Are Easy* is too much like a TV sitcom. The movie's slapstick comedy is reminiscent of shows like "Laverne & Shirley." Like most TV sitcoms, *Earth Girls Are Easy* is formulaic and doesn't contain an ounce of originality. But even so, the movie does provide a few moments of inspired comedy, such as its satirical barbs at valley girls. Most of the time, however, *Earth Girls Are Easy* seems like nothing more than one long July Brown video. The movie is full of musical dance numbers which don't advance the story.

So while *Earth Girls Are Easy* is perfect if you're looking for some harmless and disposable entertainment, it won't give you much food for thought. By the end of the closing credits, *Earth Girls Are Easy* already will have slipped from memory.