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KNIVES OUT

2019

130 minutes

Directed by Rian Johnson

Starring: Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Christopher Plummer, Jamie Lee Curtis

Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer) is a wildly successful mystery writer and he's dead. His housekeeper Fran finds him with a slit throat and the knife still in his hand. It looks like suicide, but there are some questions. After all, who really slits their own throat? A couple of cops come to the Thrombey estate do a small investigation, just to make sure they're not missing anything, and the film opens with their conversations with each of the Thrombey family members. Daughter Linda (Jamie Lee Curtis) is a successful businesswoman with a shit husband named Richard and an awful son named Ransom (Chris Evans). Son Walt runs the publishing side, but he's been fighting a lot with dear old dad. Daughter-in-law Joni is deep into self-help but has been helping herself by ripping off the old man.

Finally, there's Marta Cabrera (Ana de Armas), the real heroine of "Knives Out" and Harlan's most trusted confidante. Can she help solve the case?

The case may have just been closed if not for the arrival of the famous detective Benoit Blanc, played by Daniel Craig, who spins a southern accent and oversized ego into something instantly memorable. Blanc was delivered a news story about the suicide and envelope of money. So someone thinks this is fishy. Why? And who?

Critics' comments:

An entertainment that's as smart, witty, stylish and exhilarating as any movie lover could wish for.

(Wall Street Journal – November 28th, 2019)

Knives Out is a whole lot of fun, intended to keep the audience off-balance right up until the finish. It's a razor-sharp throwback from writer-director Rian Johnson.

(CNN.com – November 27th, 2019)

The all-star cast takes turns chewing the scenery. Daniel Craig nearly steals the film as Benoit Blanc. If film fans are wondering if there is life after James Bond for Daniel Craig, the answer is a resounding YES.

(The Screen Scene – July 29th, 2020)