



Brush Creek Film Review

Kansas City Public Library - Waldo

Host: Buddy Hanson

Guest: Jeremy Weese

TOPIC: Horror & Sci-Fi - Part 2

FILMS - Jeremy:

Mandy, Panos Cosmatos, 2018, (USA/Belgium), Horror

Ultra-stylized tale of revenge with 'Cage Rage' (Nicolas Cage) front and center. This is a wink and nod to over-the-top horror flicks of the 70's-80's; glazed in psychedelic flavor and a hyper saturated color scheme; the form factor clearly inspired by the hip and slick style of Italian Giallo films (*Suspiria*, 1977).

FILMS - Buddy:

The Descent, Neil Marshall, 2006, (UK), Horror

A group of thrill-seeking friends get together for a social bonding trip which leads them to athletic outdoor adventures. This year, the activity is spelunking (cave diving). The circle of friends is strong, but issues are just beneath the surface. One member of the group (Sarah Carter, aka Shauna Macdonald) is recovering from a traumatic accident in which her significant other was lost. Despite Sarah's emotional damage, the group works together to tackle the mental and physical challenges posed by the cave. Things go awry when the group is suddenly trapped and surprised to learn that their friend and trip planner (Juno Kaplan, aka Natalie Mendoza) decided to lead them into a completely unexplored cave system, seemingly to increase the bonding experience. If being trapped in a unexplored cave isn't bad enough, the group is then suddenly faced with another, far more terrifying discovery. There is a darkness beyond the darkness and something is following them!

BOOKS

[Clive Barker](#)

[Ray Bradbury](#)

[Stephen King](#)

[H.P. Lovecraft](#)

[Scott Thomas](#)

[H.G. Wells](#)

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[Cinematography: Frame Rate](#)

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TRAILERS

- [Mandy](#)
- [The Descent](#)
- [Fight Club](#)
- [Evil Dead II](#)
- [Natural Born Killers](#)
- [Kill Bill: Volume 1](#)
- [Hereditary](#)
- [Children of Men](#)
- [Texas Chainsaw Massacre](#)
- [Open Water](#)
- [Cube](#)

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