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Wild Things

Stars: Neve Campbell, Matt Dillon, Kevin Bacon, Denise Richards

Director: John McNaughton

Writer(s): Stephen Peters, Kem Nunn

Premiere: March 20, 1998

Question: What do you get when you cross "The Usual Suspects" with a cheesy, late-night cable flick?

Answer: "Wild Things" -- a murder-betrayal story that has as many groan-worthy, horrid scenes as it does giddily sinister plot twists.

Rated R
(Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.)

... for strong sexuality, nudity, language and some violence.

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Score (out of 5):



The whole dirty affair takes place in an affluent South Florida town where Sam Lombardo (Matt Dillon) is the high school's most popular guidance counselor. Sam finds himself in the midst of a scandal when conniving cheerleader Kelly (Denise Richards) and juvenile delinquent Suzie (Neve Campbell, scuzzed to the max with dyed hair and heavy tattoos) accuse him of rape.

But that's only the beginning, because Stephen Peters' screenplay has more turns than a Slinky factory. Into the mix is thrown \$8.5 million, Kelly's burnt-out mom (Theresa Russell in a truly terrible performance), two detectives (Daphne Rubin-Vega and Kevin Bacon), and Bill Murray as a deliciously sleazy lawyer.

The problem is, the movie often stoops to the level of a direct-to-video stinker. Almost all of the material that makes this movie an "R" is totally unnecessary and distracts from the story.