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Film: Keeping Mum, 2005

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KEEPINGMUM

by Andreas

Keeping Mum is a 2005 comedy-black comedy film directed by Niall Johnson and is written with Richard Russo and is plotted with a woman who gets caught for killing her husband and his mistress and gets put in jail while pregnant. Later, you see a family of Mom, dad and 2 kids, a daughter and a son. They lived in a small town and the father who ruled it as the pastor, keeping tabs on everyone in the city, but his own family. To help the family they got a Nanny, and that nanny showed to be the mom's mother, and a murderer who killed all the people who was an annoyance to that family.

Keeping Mum shows a story of a family who got a Nanny who helped them in their daily activities, but it showed to not be true, she was a murderer who murdered all who was annoying and giving them problems to clear them from stress. Nanny helped the son to stop being bullied, the daughter how to cook, Gave the father humor, and the mom her peace and quiet, but with that cost they found out she was a murderer, and with it the mother herself became it.

The Family is weak in the start, the father ignores the family is completely boring forgetting it all, the son is being bullied, the daughter is a slut, and the mom is cheating on her husband, then the nanny comes and somehow solves it all somehow, Helps the father remember things and helps him becoming sarcastic and humorous, She breaks the bullies bikes so when they come for him they break so they can't bully him, She teaches the daughter how to cook among other things, and lastly she keeps the mom from cheating, helps her get her family and mind back on foot by killing a dog and other people for her to give her peace in mind.

Keeping mum is a movie that slowly builds up from the start and the more on you go through it more you learn from it and see how it is evolving, even though we follow either the mom or the Nanny through the whole story and what she does to keep the family together and protect them.

In conclusion, *Keeping mum* is a good film with decent comedy and somewhat heartwarming to see how the family gets together, now the audience could come to laugh from it and see that not all families are perfect

My review, *keeping* isn't anything I personally would watch as it is nothing for me or what I like to watch, so therefor I give it a 5/10



by Elisabeth

Keeping mum is a British, Black, comedy film. The 103 minutes long film from 2005 is directed by Niall Johnson and produced by Julia Palau and Matthew Payne.

A young pregnant woman named Rosie Jones boards a train. Suddenly her huge trunk starts to leak blood. The police get there and questioned the dead bodies, Rosie calmly reveals that they are her unfaithful husband and his mistress. She ends up in prison. Walter Goodfellow is vicar of Little Wallop. He is very busy writing the perfect sermon for a convention, so busy he doesn't even notice his wife, Gloria's unfulfilled emotional/sexual needs, who ends up starting an affair with her American golf instructor, his teenage daughter, Holly's growing sex drive and physical maturity, who constantly changes boyfriend or his son Petey, a victim of bullying at school. A new housekeeper, Grace Hawkins becomes a part of the Goodfellow family, when she moves in. Grace learning soon about all the problems in the family and piece by piece, try to fix them. She has an unconventional ally way to solve them. Gloria finds it difficult to sleep because of the neighbours barking dog. Grace solves the problem by killing the dog, without any is aware of it. The dog-owner, Mr. Brown, sees Grace buries his dog, to fix the new problem, she kills him, and drop him in the lake in the family's backyard. Grace wanted to help Petey out as well, she ends up sabotaging the brakes on the bullies' bicycles which injures one of them. Grace's last murder hasn't been committed, one night she sees the mother's pervert golf instructor/mistress videotaping the daughter, Holly, undressing. Grace sees no other way than killing him, she ends up killing him with a flat iron outside the house and put him behind his own car. Grace wants to help Walter and Gloria to find back their sparkle. She does that by talking to Walter about using more humour and be more aware of Gloria's needs. The advice does not only help the couple but also his sermon. Gloria and Holly suddenly see a photo in the news of "the trunk murderer". They recognize the woman as their housekeeper. They freak out bit, and want to look in the big trunk, but Grace grabs them in it and end up explaining and disclose that she is Gloria's mother. After the big revealing, Grace hides Lances' body in the lake. They are afraid for at the old lady on the street saw them, and Grace kills her by accident (try to hit her with a frying pan, but the old lady ends up with a heart attack instead). Grace ends up leaving the Goodfellow-family, but the murders in Little Wallop isn't done.

Keeping mum is a British film, who use a lot of British, dark humour. The way they use an old woman as the murderer, makes the film funnier and more unpredictable, because no one will suspect her, when she is that old.

Rowan Atkinson, who plays Walter Goodfellow (the father) is known as Mr. Bean. I have watched Mr. Bean a couple times, and I like to see him in a more seriously role like this. It is still a comedy but also with seriously problematics/topics like cheating and bullying.

Rating: I will rate the movie to 5/10. It was a funny movie with a lot of good humour, but the movie was also too predictable and a bit overdramatic.



by Jeppe

Keeping mum was released in 2005 and was instructed by Niall Johnson. Some of the big actors where Maggie smith who has been in movies like nanny McPhee 2 and professor McGonagall in Harry potter and there where Rowan Atkinson who has played Mr. Bean in many years and in Johnny English.

The film keeping mum is about family which is going through a lot of mistake that they are making themselves. A day where the youngest member of the family is going home by himself because his father didn't pick him up then a sweet lady follows him home when the mom and father arrives they accuse her of trying to kidnap the kid but she calmly answers, ``I'm your new maid that you hired``. So, they get home and they help the maid get up in her room. Youngest kid gets bullied at school so the new maid helps him by sabotaging the bully's bicycles so they run down a hill and the crash. Meanwhile the mom of the family is cheating on her husband with a rich guy who is her golf trainer they talk about that her husband is so boring and never fun like the old times. So, they go on to golfing while the trainer is being a little bit too close to her. When we see the husband again he is talking with some guys who is going to look at their lake because of some rare species of algae. But while the maid stays at their place there is happening some mysterious things, a barking dog disappears their neighbor is disappearing people are changing the rich guys starts to stalk the daughter. Out of nowhere the rich guys is also disappearing which nobody knows why he disappeared. But the maid know what happened and she will take it to her grave or will she??

I would like to rate this film a 8/10 because it's a funny movie but I would love some more funny moments or some more stupid jokes so everybody die of laughing before the movie end but overall I like the plot of the movie and I like the movie in general.



by Miriam

The movie "Keeping mum" from 2005 is an English comedy about a dysfunctional family who ends up getting help from their housekeeper, who is something unexpected. The movie is directed by the British film-director and writer Niall Johnson. Who also wrote the screenplay together with the American writer and producer Richard Russo. There are a lot of well-known actors and actresses in this movie, such as Rowan Atkinson (Walter Goodfellow), Maggie smith (Grace Hawkins/Rosie Jones), Patrick Swayze (Lance) and Kristin Scott Thomas (Gloria).

Keeping mum is about the Goodfellow family who is struggling with a bunch of problems. Walter is the local priest of little wallop, which makes him very busy and completely oblivious to his family's problems which contain his wife Glorias affair with her golf instructor Lance, because she doesn't get her emotional needs, his teenage daughter Holly who constantly changes boyfriends, and his son Peter who fears going to school because he gets bullied by some boys. Their new housekeeper Grace sets out to solve all their problems in her own interesting ways, by killing people (and a dog). The movie ends with the girls figuring out that Grace (Rosie) is a killer and Glorias mum. Grace when leaves the family, but she turned out to be the family's miracle-maker.

It's well-acted, although it doesn't quite succeed either as a dark comedy or a feelgood movie. The best part of the movie is Maggie Smith who manages the role of a housekeeper who a sweet old homicidal maniac, she greatly combines the sweetness of a grandmother and at the same time a creepy person with hilariously/crazy solutions to the family's problems such as what to do with school bullies and a loud dog. She is a betrayed wife with crooked ideas of justice embedded inside her head, if you look past the insane things she does, Grace is just a mother who's protecting her child, like Gloria who just wants her husband's affection and Walter who just wants to do better in his profession.

I thought the movie got quite boring after the interesting beginning with young Rosie being arrested and imprisoned in an insane asylum, after a dead body was discovered. It was only by the last twenty minutes, then they started to figure out that grace was a killer and crazy that it started to get interesting and enjoyable again. But it was so slow! And the non-existent "Jokes" were so dull, like the bit where Walter finds Christian jokes online.

I'm not sure that this film can really be classified as a "dark comedy." The film just isn't funny enough or dark enough. But the movie has its moments, but unfortunately that isn't enough to save the picture. The plot twist about Grace being Glorias mum isn't difficult to figure out, and the characters aren't particularly deep, but the actors/actresses give the movie some charm to help you not completely lose interest. I guess this movie just wasn't my cup of tea.

I would rate this 3 out of 10 stars.



by Morten

The film is made by Niall Johnson and written by Richard Russo and Niall Johnson. Then we have the 3 main characters Walter played by Rowan Atkinson, Gloria played by Kristin Scott Thomas and Grace played by Maggie Smith. It got published in 2005. The main genres are comedy and crime. It has a run time on 1 hour and 39 minutes.

From the opening scene which has Emilia Fox cast as a young Rosie Jones, we see the tone of the movie, and it just keeps getting better. From that moment on the comedy is subtly woven into the plot, seamlessly lightening the melancholy mood of the characters.

Being on the non-theatrical circuit, it's always a slow process obtaining films released by Entertainment Films. However, I had a feeling this British comedy would appeal to our mature audience. I was right, a very popular choice.

To be honest, anything featuring Maggie Smith or Judi Dench can't fail at the Century and, as expected, Maggie steals the show as usual in this picture, with a very restrained but humorous portrayal of the mysterious new housekeeper to pastor Rowan Atkinson and his errant family. Atkinson also does well, underplaying nicely in his role, but typically funny in the village soccer match. Also, a very emotional scene when he delivers his speech at the conference. I certainly won't spoil it for anyone who hasn't seen this very dark comedy

But I will say, don't miss the very start of the film, as this is obviously of great importance to what follows. Another Brit success!



by Nichlas

The movie "Keeping Mum" is a movie directed by Niall Johnson and had a cost of 169.000 dollars to make although the movie was a success due to it earning back just about 18.000.000 dollars.

The movie is about the "Goodfellow" family who lives in the small town on the country parish called little wallop when they hire a housekeeper that is called Grace Hawkins the second, she arrives at the house she has a massive suitcase but id more call it a massive box. it's almost as if all their problems fade away into nothingness when she arrives things such as Gloria Goodfellows worst enemy "the damned dog" disappear one day letting Gloria sleep a long night sleep she finds this odd but doesn't think much although the owner of the dog has noticed that the dog is gone no one has any suspicions at all but the lady Grace has some suspicions about gloria she thinks gloria has an affair. Now Grace doesn't do anything cause she isn't sure later on she actually kills this Lance fellow that Gloria has an affair with and at the end we see Gloria actually become more like Grace where she also does a couple of things.

The Actors played this movie well it was easy to see the emotions of the characters especially for Grace we can easily see when she is suspicious of Gloria or when she was happy, we could even see when she was about to do something or when she wanted to do something watching her slowly do worse and worse things as the time went on.

Overall I'll give this movie a 7/10 due to the actors great performance and all their hard work in this movie I'd also like to commend the director for making a pretty good Plot and timeline through the movie everything seems to tie back together In some way or form through the movie.

