

Gormenghast

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Alice Turner — 24 Jun 2001, 11:33

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Joshua A. Solomon — 25 Jun 2001, 08:49 · follows Alice Turner

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John-Paul Wellcoat — 25 Jun 2001, 09:30 · follows Joshua A. Solomon

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Spectacled Bear — 25 Jun 2001, 10:39 · follows John-Paul Wellcoat

At 10:30 2001-06-25, John-Paul Wellcoat wrote:
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(still hoping to find it one day...)

Alice Turner — 26 Jun 2001, 02:38 · follows Spectacled Bear

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And Dan'l says:

I don't know about PBS, but if this is the British series of a couple years ago, see it. Modulo some simplification, they got the plot of the first two books right (they only do the first two), the look is good, and several of the characters are downright eerie, notably Swelter and Flay.

So I'm going to watch it. Bear, I am an idiot about recording, but will try.

-alga

Endy9 — 27 Jun 2001, 02:35 · follows Alice Turner

Alga,

Thanks for the heads up as I would have missed this otherwise. I'm unfamiliar with Gormenghast, but it looks fairly wierd and strange and I can't resist stories like that (smile).

Dennis/Endy

<http://members.home.net/endymion91/index.htm>

Joshua A. Solomon — 28 Jun 2001, 11:24 · follows Endy9

I hadn't imagined that my negative opinion of the show would be as controversial as it turned out to be. Here's another of my opinions. I don't think it's controversial, but here goes: Titus Groan and Gormenghast (i.e. the books on which the show is based), are classics and everyone on this list would enjoy them immensely.

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Endy9 — 02 Jul 2001, 05:21 · follows Joshua A. Solomon

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I finally attempted to watch this last night. I could tolerate about an hour. I fastforwarded through the remaining three hours this morning in an attempt to satisfy my "what happens in the end" curiosity.

The visuals were enjoyable for about the first hour. Loved the colors and backgrounds but that can't sustain a film for me for longer than an hour. I owe my wife now for encouraging her to watch it with me <grin>. But at least now maybe Dr. Who won't seem so bad to her.

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E Dorian — 09 Jul 2001, 09:09 · follows Endy9

This video was shown at Readercon a year ago. I knew nothing about Gormenghast, but decided to check it out, and thought it was excellent.

I find that most movies based on books are horrible, and that the screen writers need to show

some creativity and write their OWN stories, instead of shredding the written stories we love. When I finally read the Gormenghast books, will this film fall into the same disappointing group of films as, say, Starship Troopers?

BTW, The Part One of Gormenghast was on last night, and I taped it. Part Two is on tonight!

Darryl

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