

Movies

Since my blogging friends are big movie buffs, I thought I would mention a couple of movies that I have watched recently. While they likely saw them in the theater when released, I of course watched them on DVD which provide nice extras in the form of deleted scenes and such. Recently I checked out from the library called [The Transporter](#). This movie was about a professional driver named Frank Martin (played by Jason Statham, someone I had never heard about before this movie), and I don't mean racing. This driver works for whoever needs him, no questions asked. He is organized to a fault and has a strict code, or set of rules he follows. When I say organized to a fault I mean he has spare suits neatly folded and wrapped in the trunk of his car for those occasions where someone tries to off him and messes up his clothes. Of course, he is well versed in the martial arts and can hold his own against over half a dozen opponents at once though with his normal GQ demeanor you would never guess until the first roundhouse.

At the start of this movie you find him making a transaction on the phone and then he is off on business, precisely on time. He stops in front of a bank, the alarms go off, and the clients run out the bank to his car. Only there's a slight problem- the clients have suddenly changed the negotiated terms and that just won't do. No leaving until things are settled, Frank's way of course. Never mind the sirens getting closer and closer as he refuses to leave until the terms are met. Once they are about to be busted, they settle things, Frank starts his car, and they are off on a chase that involves a lot of destruction and closeups of him changing gears. When the dust finally settles, the pursuit has been shaken and his obligation met and paid for (the precise amount- see the movie for what I mean) he heads home, calmly changes the license plates on his car with one of several

backups and walks in, eventually joined by an inspector who noticed Frank's car happened to match the description of the getaway vehicle. If only the plates matched...

Anyway, soon he is off on his next assignment. On it, he happens to break one of his own rules and the movie takes off from there. Lots of action in this movie as you can imagine. I recommend it to action buffs.

I didn't realize there was a sequel to this movie until just last week when I saw [Transporter 2](#) at the library (can you tell where I get the majority of movies I watch? ☹) just waiting for me to snatch it up. I just watched it the other day and it was every bit as action-packed and entertaining as the first. This time, however, the transportation job he has is a bit more legit. Once he takes care of some would-be car-jackers at the beginning, he straightens up his clothing, complains about being off schedule, and heads off. Of course he is precisely on time when he arrives, meaning he must have made up for the time on his way. Eventually, he learns the hard way eventually that his clients are the target of someone who is not too happy with the work one of them is doing in cleaning up crime. Long story short, Frank becomes the victim of something more than his own misdeeds and is falsely accused of being involved, a big chase scene occurs, and Frank is left to his own to take care of the real criminals and clear his name. The inspector (played by [François Berléand](#) who has a very long resumé at IMDB) is back, this time on vacation at Frank's place, getting caught up in the middle. In both movies he is an invaluable resource for Frank helping him get things taken care of.

In any event, again I highly recommend these movies for those interested in action flicks. Transporter 3 is due out in November of this year and I will probably be seeing it in the theater instead of waiting for the DVD. For those who know me, that's a recommendation in itself. ☹