



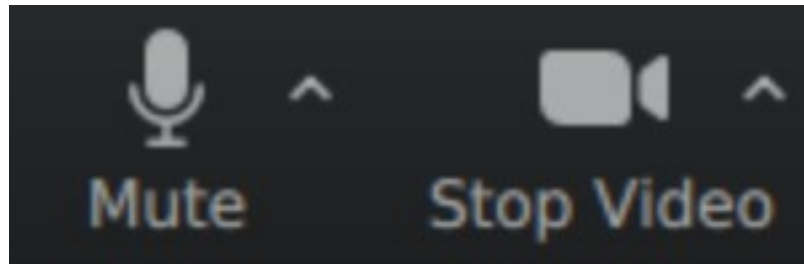
LIFE Movie Club

Beat the Devil [1953]

Zooming: September 1, 2020

Technology — Zoom

- Joining a Zoom meeting is free
- Installing Zoom is free (better virtual experience)
- Webcam setup is required to join the discussion
- During movie, helps if everyone mutes their mic



Contacts

- Terry Poulton — poultonterry@gmail.com
 - Terry *is* the LIFE Movie Club. She found the movies. She told all of us what's coming. But technology is not her thing.
- Bob Fabian — bob@fabian.ca
 - Bob has watched movies, but he is no movie expert. He is here to help with the technology — where he spent much of his career.
- Reference Material — <http://fabian.ca/LIFEmovies>
 - These slides and all future slides will be posted there, as will reference material that might be interesting to members

Feature Today



An adventure comedy film. Directed by John Huston, and starred Humphrey Bogart, Jennifer Jones and Gina Lollobrigida, featuring Robert Morley, Peter Lorre and Bernard Lee. Huston and Truman Capote wrote the screenplay on a day-to-day basis.

Story: Adventures of a motley crew of swindlers and ne'er-do-wells trying to claim rich uranium deposits in Kenya as they wait in a small Italian port to travel aboard a tramp steamer en route to Mombasa.

Wikipedia

Plan for Today


- Introduction - 5 minutes
- Beat the Devil - 89 minutes
- Discussion - 20 minutes
 - Breakout Rooms if appropriate
- Final Comments

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The Movie

Possible Discussion Points

- Roger Ebert, who included the film in his "Great Movies" list, notes that the film has been characterized as the first camp film.
 - Camp is an aesthetic style and sensibility that regards something as appealing because of its bad taste and ironic value.
 - Is this really a camp film? Is it successful?
- Humphrey Bogart reportedly disliked the film, possibly because he lost a good deal of his own money financing it, (... pity!)
- Was Jennifer Jones the best actor in the movie?
- Did the ne'er-do-wells get their just rewards?



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Final

- Anyone have a "final comment"?
- Please send your comments and suggestions to:
 - Terry - poultonterry@gmail.com
 - Bob — bob@fabian.ca
- Check for postings at <http://fabian.ca/LIFEmovies>
- Enjoy the rest of your virtual afternoon ...