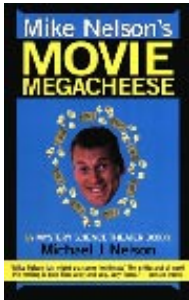
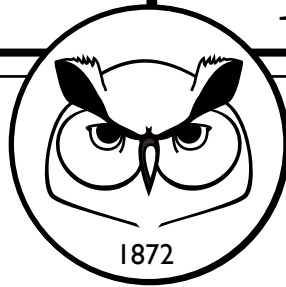


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Mike Nelson's Movie Megacheese
By Michael J. Nelson
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Michael J. Nelson, writer and longtime host of *Mystery Science Theater 3000*—popularly known as “that show where the robots make fun of bad movies”—did not spend all of the 90s watching terrible low-budget films. In his free time, it seems, he watched terrible big-budget movies, and the result of all that “research” is this highly entertaining chronicle of Nelson’s considerable suffering at the hands of Hollywood.

Movie Megacheese is a loosely-structured collection of essays: sometimes Nelson devotes a chapter to a single movie or franchise, sometimes he invents a genre to skewer (Like “Nora Ephron/ Meg Ryan”), and sometimes he digresses into television or other details of his domestic life. Yes, it’s disorganized, but I promise you won’t care. Mike Nelson is not afraid to stare down a

dung heap him considerably braver than most film writers. He unabashedly applies his considerable intellect to some of Hollywood’s dumbest extrusions, and the result is always exceptionally funny.

I can’t understand why someone as highly educated as Mike Nelson (he makes Richard Burbage jokes, for God’s sake) would spend so much time watching movies like *Volcano*, but I do know that he made me feel a whole lot better about having seen some of these movies myself. The book costs roughly the same as a trip to the movies, and I promise it’s a better investment. If you are unfortunate enough to have seen the remake of *Lost in Space*, then you can approach Megacheese as a kind of therapy. And if you haven’t yet seen that, or any of the other hideous movies Nelson describes, then Megacheese may keep you from making a rental choice you will regret eternally.



<http://doorknobsigns.sohounion.com>

During the heyday of the Dot Com boom, numerous novelty doorknob sign websites vied for the top spot among novelty doorknob sign aficionados. Since that time, eDoorhangers, Knobs.com, and Yahoo!Doorsigns have all fallen into the endless pit of Internet obscurity, but one site has risen to the fore: the “funny doorknob sign” page located at doorknobsigns.sohounion.com. Here you can find over one thousand printable patterns to cut out, mount on sturdy cardboard backings, and hang on the appropriate doorknob in your home or workplace, from the classic “Mean People Suck” to the practical “Do Not Disturb; I’m Downloading Porn From The Internet,” from the whimsical “I’m Hung Like A Baby Rhino” to the confusing “Who Died and Made YOU Darth Vader?” Although the site’s navigation leaves a lot to be desired, it simply cannot be matched for sheer number of doorknob signs available, particularly of the vulgar variety. I could write more, but, as my new doorknob sign says, “Talk Is Cheap, And So Am I.”

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