

Baby Ruby

Baby Ruby is a 2022 American psychological horror-thriller film^[4] written and directed by Bess Wohl, in her directorial debut. It stars Noémie Merlant, Kit Harington, and Meredith Hagner.

The film had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival on September 9, 2022. It was released on February 3, 2023, by Magnet Releasing.

Plot

Jo (Noémie Merlant) is a lifestyle influencer. Her relationship with Spencer (Kit Harington) strengthens as they wait for the couple's first baby, named Ruby. After the birth of Ruby, Jo's successful world begins to fall apart as she suffers postpartum depression. Jo begins to behave aggressively and doubtfully, although she receives support from Shelly (Meredith Hagner), a neighbor who claims to be a mother even though she refuses to show her supposed baby to others. Jo becomes suspicious of the intentions of Shelly and everyone around her as she tries to protect her baby, who is also seen by Jo as someone hostile.^[5]

Cast

- Noémie Merlant as Jo
- Kit Harington as Spencer
- Meredith Hagner as Shelly
- Reed Birney as Dr. Rosenbaum
- Jayne Atkinson as Doris

Release

The film had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival on September 9, 2022.^[6] Shortly after, Magnet Releasing acquired US distribution rights to the film.^[7] It was released on February 3, 2023.^[8]

Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 67% of 45 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.3/10. The website's consensus reads: "A flawed but finely cut gem,

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	<u>Bess Wohl</u>
Written by	<u>Bess Wohl</u>
Produced by	<u>Alex Saks</u> <u>Lauren Beveridge</u> <u>Brett Beveridge</u> <u>Jeffrey Penman</u>
Starring	<u>Noémie Merlant</u> <u>Kit Harington</u> <u>Meredith Hagner</u>
Cinematography	<u>Juan Pablo Ramírez</u>
Edited by	<u>Jin Lee</u>
Music by	<u>Erik Friedlander</u>
Production companies	<u>Page Fifty-Four Pictures</u> <u>Point Productions</u> <u>FilmNation</u> <u>Entertainment</u>
Distributed by	<u>Magnet Releasing</u>

Baby Ruby puts the horror of new parenthood under a frighteningly effective magnifying glass."^[9] Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 57 out of 100, based on 10 critics, indicating "mixed or average" reviews.^[10]

In a review for *San Francisco Chronicle*, Bob Strauss wrote: "Playwright Bess Wohl’s feature-directing debut is a sly, mutant meld of horror thriller, feminist satire and subjective, postpartum

Release dates	September 9, 2022 (TIFF) February 3, 2023 (United States)
Running time	90 minutes ^[1]
Country	United States
Language	English
Box office	\$16,991 ^[2] ^[3]

paranoia study. It's serious about how the demands of baby care can overwhelm, and skeptical of societal pressures on women to not just accept but love motherhood's burdens."^[11]

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