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This film is based on the true story of Don Aronow (changed to Ben Aronoff in this film), of which I've never heard of until after seeing this film. At first I thought "why John Travolta?" but after Googling Donald Aronow, I see the uncanny resemblance.

I'm a fan of films based on true stories, and I enjoyed learning something new, especially about the beginnings of the cigarette boat racing industry. Where this film failed miserably was in hiring amateur director Jodi Scurfield of whom this is his/her? first ever film directed. Why? Was Jodi one of the 25+ executive producers significant other or child? This films editing was one of the worst I've seen in a while. Then there's the writing; you would think at least one of the five writers could have re-read the screenplay and see how hacked it was. The were many jumpy plot issues and omissions. I feel certain scenes needed more relevance to what was happening or how/why they happened. The 102 min length felt much longer due to the slow pacing contributed by the bad editing and sloppy directing. The SFX during the storm was 1980's technology. The cinematography was adequate, as was the score. The cast however all provided decent performances, considering the director probably had no input during scenes of their performances. It showed from the flat and unconvincing relationships of Travolta's two wives and children. I'm disappointed that of the 25+ producers, no one made the effort to hire professional filmmakers to make this film way better. This story had much potential. I know this film will get bad

This is my review for speed kills. What an outstanding movie

Netflix Info



Speed Kills

Plot: Speedboat racing champion and multimillionaire Ben Aronoff leads a double life that lands him in trouble with the law and drug lords.

Date Released: 22 Nov 2018

Rated: R

Actors: John Travolta, Katheryn Winnick, Jennifer Esposito

Genre: Action, Crime, Drama

Runtime: 102 min

Ratings: Internet Movie Database - 4.3/10

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