

JIM reviews = "RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN" -- They Brake For ALIENS, So Cut Them Some Slack! =

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[Rating: 7 of 10 stars]

This film (a sort of "updating" of Disney's 1970's film) was clearly made for a younger audience. DWAYNE "The ROCK" JOHNSON plays a Las Vegas cab-driver who chances to acquire 2 teenage passengers (ALEXANDER LUDWIG & ANNASOPHIA ROBB) who offer him a lot of money to take them far away into the desert. It soon becomes clear that they're being chased by a bunch of guys with a decidedly unfriendly "agenda". In time, those people are shown to be government agents (including CIARAN HINDS) involved with a study of UFO's & their "contents", 2 of which happen to be the kids. After various car and on-foot chases, the cabbie sees the kids have special powers and also need to avoid an extraterrestrial pursuer as they try to get back home (which is "only a wormhole away"). The Rock is quite ENJOYABLE with his periodically acerbic, sardonic, tongue-in-cheek humor & demeanor, the kids are "believable" (as are the agents & thugs chasing them), & the special-effects are quite good (even if not "spectacular" by today's standards). So, I found it to be a "fun" trip.

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