

## Film Review: ‘Bridget Jones’s Baby’ Offers Labored Attempt at Humor

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CHICAGO – “Bridget Jones’s Baby” is the kind of geriatric sequel that makes you retroactively question whether the original film that inspired it was all that good to begin with – it’s less a film than a labored collection of contrived situations involving pregnancy and pratfalls. It’s not painfully unwatchable, but it’s unlikely to inspire anything remotely resembling amusement in its audiences.



Rating: **2.0**/5.0

Renee Zellweger is back in the role that won her her first Oscar nomination, as a now 43 year- old single woman in London. I only mention her age because the film does, almost incessantly. So this time around after splitting from her on and off again beau, Mr. Darcy (Colin Firth), she’s out to take London by storm. And when I say taking the town by storm, I mean she goes to an English music festival, gets drunk, falls in the mud and has a one night stand in a Yurt with an American dating website guru Jack (Patrick Dempsey). A week later at a friend’s christening, she reconnects with Mr. Darcy and they have a fling just for old time’s sake.

Cue the pregnancy test, and bingo there’s a baby growing inside her – but which one of these two movie star handsome men is the father? The film seems to think its audience will be entertained by endless variations on a standard issue sitcom contrivance where its heroine must be in two places at once. Even when this kind of thing is done well, it’s never quite as uproarious as lazy screenwriters and directors seem to think it will be.

*“Bridget Jones’s Baby” opens everywhere on September 16th. Featuring Renee Zellweger, Gemma Jones, Colin Firth, Patrick Dempsey, Jim Broadbent, Sally Phillips and Emma Thompson. Screenplay by Emma Thompson, Helen Fielding and Dan Mazer. Directed by Sharon Maguire. Rated “R”*



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Renee Zellweger is Back as the Title Character in ‘Bridget Jones’s Baby’  
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