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3:10 TO YUMA

Director: Delmar Daves • USA 1957 92 minutes • Cast: Glenn Ford, Van Heflin

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A superb, suspenseful western whose classic status has been confirmed by the announcement of a Hollywood remake, 3:10 TO YUMA gave Canadian actor Glenn Ford (who recently died) one of his finest roles as outlaw leader Ben Wade. Often regarded as Delmar Daves' best film, YUMA is based on an Elmore Leonard novel, which might explain the wickedly nuanced portrait of the relationship between the devious, dangerous Wade and the decent rancher (Van Heflin) who is the lone man to take up the challenge of tending the outlaw until the eponymous train arrives to take him to prison. The rancher desperately needs the reward money to save his farm, but even his family seems to fall under the spell of the charming Wade. Daves generates sweaty tension of the cliff-hanging, clock-watching sort as the countdown to 3:10 accelerates and the rancher is abandoned by anyone who might aid him in his attempt to keep Wade's gang from springing him from captivity. A film for which Saturday matinees were made.

Saturday, January 27 2:00 p.m. PG

Saturdays