

'The Bear' roars with grizzly fun, breathtaking scenery

NEW YORK (CNS) — If you miss "The Bear" (Tri-Star), you'll miss one of the most glorious and remarkable films of the decade.

This instant classic by Frenchman Jean-Jacques Annaud — the award-winning international director of such notable films as "Quest for Fire" and "The Name of the Rose" — focuses on the unlikely companionship of two bears, a wounded male Kodiak and an orphaned cub, as they explore their natural habitat and fend off human predators.

Unlike its source material, "The Grizzly King," the popular 1916 novel by preservationist James Oliver Curwood, "The Bear" is dramatized from the bears' point of view and enacted by real bears (backup by Jim Henson's animatronic-powered models and men in bear suits was scrapped when Annaud's furry stars proved more than equal to the acting challenge).

The screenplay by Gerard Brach tracks the adventures of adorable little cub Youk (played by Douce), as he is orphaned and fends for himself in the wilds of British Columbia, circa 1885 (actually filmed in the spectacular Bavarian Alps). When Youk meets up with a jumbo male Kodiak, Kaar (played by Bart), the two join forces

despite Kaar's painful shoulder wound and crankiness.

Youk is persistent and sticks to Kaar like glue. When the cub finally gets close enough to lick Kaar's gunshot wound, Kaar is won over and the duo become inseparable. Although this may sound emotionally manipulative — especially given the film's breathtaking mountain panoramas and exquisite flora and fauna — the film is actually a thoughtfully crafted suspense drama with humor, pathos and deep respect for its subject matter.

As Kaar and Youk are stalked by the two hunters (Jack Wallace and Tcheky Karyo) who originally wounded Kaar, the bears take on a dignity no self-respecting human will forget.

With minimal dialogue and a reliance on pure cinematic form, Annaud has created a universal drama. He underscores his message with an opening and closing crawl endorsing the philosophy of Curwood that "The greatest thrill is not to kill but to let live."

"The Bear" connects humans to these majestic animals in astounding and unforgettable ways that will hopefully impact those who continue to decimate the crea-



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tures' dwindling ranks for fun and sport. Some bloodied dogs and horses, ongoing menace that culminates in attacks on the bears and a discreetly filmed but realistically audible mating sequence may make this

too intense for very young children. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.



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Whitney's Cafe 617 Whitney Rd. (at O'Conner Rd.) Fairport, NY 14450 388-1440/FAX #388-1120

Located just outside Fairport village, you'll find the new Whitney's Cafe, recently expanded from a breakfast and lunch restaurant to a full-service one with a very extensive menu that's sure to please. "One of my weaknesses," says chef/owner Charles Lawson, "is my heavy-handedness with portions; it's just that I want Whitney's to be known for its quality food and great prices." Hours: M-Sat, 6a-9p; Sun., 7a-3p.

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