

Born to be Bad

US : 1934 : dir. Lowell Sherman : 20th Century / Untied Artists : 70 min
 prod: William Goetz & Raymond Griffith : scr: Ralph Graves & Harrison Jacobs
 : dir.ph.: Barney McGill

Jackie Kelk
 Loretta Young; Cary Grant; Marion Burns; Henry Travers; Russell Hopton; Andrew Tombes;
 Harry Green; Howard Lang; Matt Briggs

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Look! The title refers to **me**, sonny Jim, not **you**!

Source: The United Artists Story

Halliwell's Film Guide review

"A girl schemes to seduce the man who has adopted her illegitimate son. Batty mother-love melodrama.

Speelfilm Encyclopedie review:

"Pithy melodrama with liberated Loretta who, after a quarrel with the rich Grant, has to give up her son. **1½"

The United Artists Story comment:

"**BORN TO BE BAD**" was bound to be bad with such a trashy screenplay by the actor Ralph Graves and Harrison Jacobs (story by Graves). Not even the two attractive stars, Loretta Young and Cary Grant, could redeem it. She was an unwed mother who tricks Grant, a wealthy married dairy farmer, into adopting her child, and then makes a play for him. In the end, however, she realises her errors and retreats from the scene not wishing to disrupt his marriage further. It is surprising

she didn't vanish earlier, because the child – a thoroughly unlikable brat played by Jackie Kelk – steals, and rollerskates around the house. Grant's patient and unreal wife was Marion Burns, and the rest of the cast included Henry Travers, Russell Hopton, Andrew Tombes and Harry Green. It was directed by Lowell Sherman and co-produced by William Goetz and Raymond Griffith."

[no listing in "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Not to be confused with the 1950 Joan Fontaine / Robert Ryan film of the same name. Steals and rollerskates around the house? Born to be spanked, I say! Jackie Kelk slipped through the net of *The Moving Picture Boy*, and nothing else is known of him, but it's probably a fair assumption he did little other film work.

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