

El Rey de los Gorilas

("King of the Gorillas")

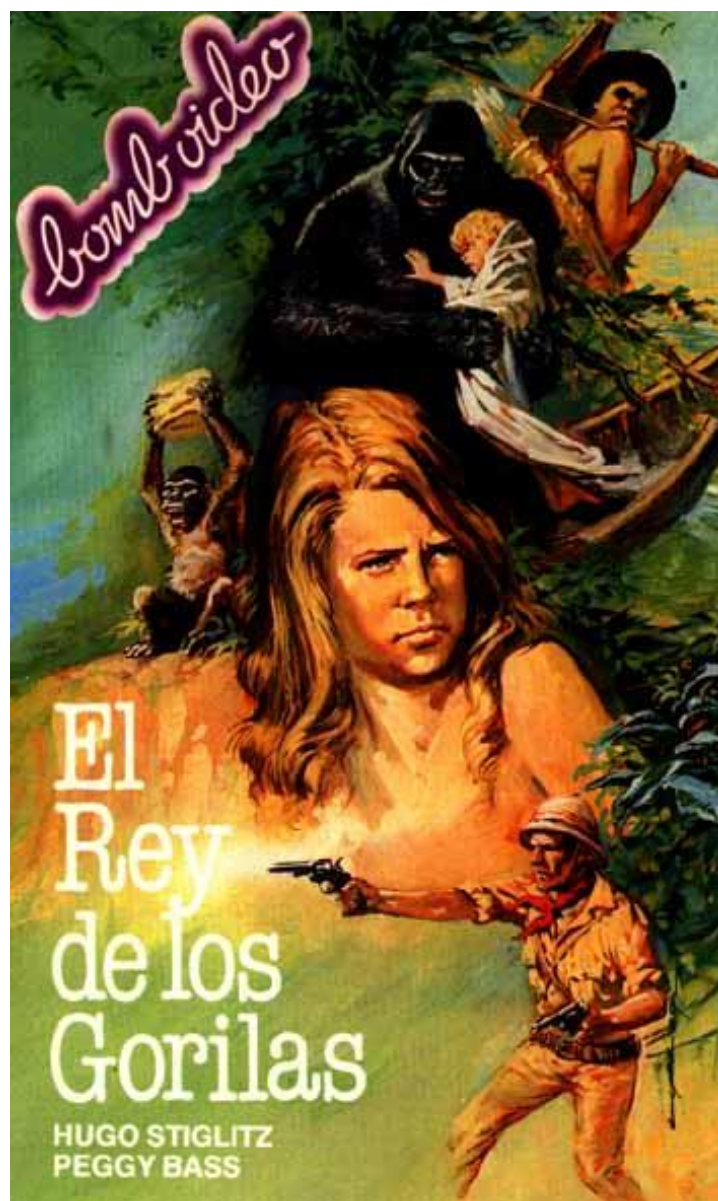
Spain : 1976 : dir.

: 90 min

prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

Hugo Stiglitz; Peggy Bass

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The company calls itself "Bomb video" – so you can't say they haven't given you fair warning !
Source: CVMC website

CVMC video retail/rental website review:

"A toddler boy finds himself orphaned in the jungle when a bloodthirsty tribe murders his parents. Soon, an ape adopts him and raises the child as its own. Ten or so years later, our young hero begins realising he is somehow different from his gorilla family and sets off on a quest to better understand why. Eventually he meets up with a boy from a local tribe out to prove his manhood, and these two have a number of adventures together.

Halfway through the film, the lead becomes an adult, finds himself a wife, has a son. Twelve or so years after that, a hunter wishes to entrap this jungle family yet isn't going to be able to do so with [or *perhaps without?*] a fight. Sound familiar? It should. This is Spain's attempt to do Tarzan, the key word here being "attempt." Low-budget and silly but rather entertaining if you have a six-pack nearby.

Rated NR: violence; moderate nudity
Language: Spanish

Categories: Action/Adventure, Boy Films, Little to Preteen, Adolescent, Girl Films, Little to Preteen, Home Alone, Kidnapping
NOTE: This movie is in Spanish with NO ENGLISH SUBTITLES OR DUBBING. The print includes frequent speckling and related problems, and the framing is off for a couple minutes, the bottom of the picture at the top of the screen."

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "Bloomsbury Foreign Film Guide", "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. Who needs a crate of alcohol to enjoy a half-cocked Tarzan remake? And if the hero genuinely doesn't reach adulthood until midway through the film, which then skips agreeably forward until Tarzan's own son is twelve, then this one at least gives you more Boy for your bucks than any Tarzan feature before or since. There he is, dead centre of the video packaging, resplendent in his jungle boy locks. The actor is unidentified, and this is one more title which slipped past "*The Moving Picture Boy*". Discounting "**EL REY DE LOS GORILAS**", the only two films I'm aware of which covered the boyhood of Tarzan at all were "**GREYSTOKE, THE LEGEND OF TARZAN, LORD OF THE APES**" (84) and the 1918 silent "**TARZAN OF THE APES**" in which Gordon Griffith played him as a boy, Elmo Lincoln as a man.

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