

Review #19 : *The Mad Miss Manton* (1947)

Henry Fonda and Barbara Stanwyck

TRAILER

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REVIEW

This is a wonderful screwball comedy once again ! The film starts out with Miss Manton coming home to her 5th Avenue high rise after a costume Charity Ball to walk her dogs at 3 am. While she's tending to one little dog, she sees her high society friend Ronny leaving the Lane Mansion. She goes into the mansion that's been closed up for awhile – only to discover a dead body. She calls for the police but when they get there the body is missing and the police figure it's just another one of her tricks : a society dame that had too much time on her hands. She also gets a very unkind write up in the paper by the editor Peter (Henry Fonda) and

takes an instant dislike to him. He on the other hand takes an instant liking to her. She then gathers her group of society girl debutants to investigate the murder in the Lane Mansion. As they are going around the crime scene, Peter joins them.



They tie him up and leave him there to go on to Ronnie's place so he can explain why he was at the mansion. Then, the group finds another dead body that the police once again thinks is a hoax, so they leave the body on Peter's office couch. This time the police round the girls up in the middle of the night to question them, but Peter helps the girls get out of it...

Melsa and Peter keep going back and fourth with the *I love you, I hate you* routine. The girls continue to investigate the murders. They are even so good at investigating that they give one of the suspects an alibi and leave the police at square one again. But did they give the wrong man the alibi and leave a killer on the loose to kill again?



Henry Fonda and Barbara Stanwyck are so good together. Hattie Mc Daniel once again plays the maid. She gets some of the funniest lines in the movie. The movie keeps moving and I don't recall a dull moment in it and you don't know who done it until the end. Good chemistry, good script, don't let this one pass you up !

