

# Review #09 : *Out of the Past* (1947)

Robert Mitchum and Kirk Douglas

- Extract 1 : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y7oTM9oaDmI>
- Extract 2 : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KobZG08WiqQ>
- Extract 3 : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dn8EImkRV8>

## SYNOPSIS

**Jeff Bailey** (Robert Mitchum) runs a small gas station in a little town in CA. He's in love with a beautiful girl. But he has a past which is about to catch up with him involving gangster Whit (Kirk Douglas) and evil Kathie Moffat (Jane Greer)... Many twists and turns happen.



## REVIEW

**The plot is very complicated but this is a prime example of a beautifully directed film noir using darkness** in almost every shot and it has all the ingredients of a good noir : an innocent man (Robert Mitchum) in over his head, a bad guy (Kirk Douglas) and a totally amoral woman (Jane Greer). What makes this stands out – beside the incredible cinematography and direction – is a wonderful script. It's full of some truly incredible lines and delivered dead pan by the cast. If any of them had winked at the camera once this would have failed. Mitchum plays it very stone-faced but Douglas is great and Greer is just fascinating as a totally evil yet beautiful woman +++