

Bloody Birthday

(aka: "Creeps"; "Billy Jayne")

US : 1986 † : dir. Ed Hunt :

: 85 min

prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

[Billy Jacoby](#); [K.C. Martel](#)

Susan Strasberg; Jose Ferrer; Lori Lethin; Melinda Cordell; Julie Brown; Joe Penny;
Michael Dudikoff; Andy Freeman; Elizabeth Hoy; Bert Kramer

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[† but shot in 1980]

Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide
1996 review:

"Three 10-year old killer kids go on a rampage; they were born during a lunar eclipse. Formula horror fare "boasts" a very tasteless premise but lapses into the usual killing spree. Filmed in 1980. ** "

Speelfilm Encyclopedie review:

"Predictable horror film: three children born prematurely during an eclipse go about murdering, sowing death, destruction and terror in their home town. The sheriff, father of one of the children, is one of the first victims, so that the little homicides have no more opposition to their bloody crimes. Not really scary, because you can see everything coming, but reasonably enjoyable thanks to good performances. ** "

Video Movie Guide 1993 review:

"Three children, born during an eclipse of the moon, run amok, killing everyone in sight. Rated "R". **Turkey** "

CVMC video retail/rental website review:

"On an eerie night in 1970, three children are born during an eclipse, which is not a good thing from an astrological standpoint, a lack of an ability to feel emotions being the result. As their tenth birthday approaches, horny teens and a few others find themselves the victims of a serious body count. No one suspects the cute tykes..., minus a classmate who they tried to off [*sic*]. Can he and his older sister put a stop to the madness before the whole town is murdered? A decent enough slasher flick if you are in the mood...

Rated R: adult themes [*sic*]; sexual themes; violence; sexual scenes; moderate nudity; brief profanity
Categories: Boy Films, Little to Preteen, Girl Films, Little to Preteen, Horror

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

No further information currently available. One which doubtless showed up bright and early on the video rental market, where it might do better business than on release. Maltin makes no mention of it, but this sounds suspiciously reminiscent of another horror quickie, variously titled "**PEOPLETOYS**" and "**DEVIL TIMES FIVE**" (74), in which five children (among them a

young Leif Garret) escape from a mental hospital to go on a killing binge. The whole business was done on a much grander scale in "**LOS NIÑOS**" (Spain 76 – various English titles including "**WHO CAN KILL A CHILD?**"), in which a young couple arrive on a small island to find the children have slaughtered the entire adult population. As the film ends, the naughty scamps are setting out for the mainland to carry on the good work (ie: "**CHILDREN OF THE CORN**", only with actual children, and none of the "harvest home" paraphernalia).

Billy Jacoby, half brother of Scott and elder brother of Bobby, was 12 at the time this film was made, 18 when it was finally released. He did not, so far as I can see, land any central roles as his brothers did, but made appearances in "**NORTH DALLAS FORTY**" (79), "**THE BEASTMASTER**" (82, playing the hero as a boy), "**CUJO**" (82), "**MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD**" (82) etc. K.C. Martel, here 9, played Eddie Munster in the disastrous big-screen spinoff "**THE MUNSTER'S REVENGE**" (81), and was Greg, one of the also-rans, in "**E.T. THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL**" (82). He also had a role in the 1977 sitcom "**Mulligan's Stew**".

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