



FILM: **HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE**

FDG RATING: 3.3 ☺☺☺○○

Film Discussion Group (FDG) Scale is 1-5 (5 is best)

Taika Waititi: *Director*
Julian Dennison: *Actor: Ricky*
Sam Neil: *Actor: Foster Uncle*

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DISCUSSION SUMMARY: **HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE**

Ricky is a chunky, troubled teen who decides to run away from his new foster family. His unlikely companion is his antisocial, crusty, foster uncle who frequently retreats to the wilderness to hunt. Their disappearance sparks a national manhunt after they get stranded in the New Zealand wilderness and social services is determined to find them.

There are numerous quirky characters, especially the repellent three hunters, in this combination drama-comedy that made for an entertaining film for some of our reviewers and a boring, unoriginal road trip-buddy story for others. The New Zealand wilderness is a unique, cinematic location which ignited a few comments that the film was more like a travel film to encourage tourism. Some of us thought the film was hilariously funny while others felt it was too long and couldn't warm up to the boy or the old geezer. A few labeled it a boring, predictable movie, unimaginative, and disliked the ending. Our ex-social worker did not appreciate the way the social worker was portrayed in the movie. Mixed reactions with scores ranging from 1.5 to 4 (5 is the best), found this film lost in the middle with a cumulative score of 3.3.



See you at the movies!

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