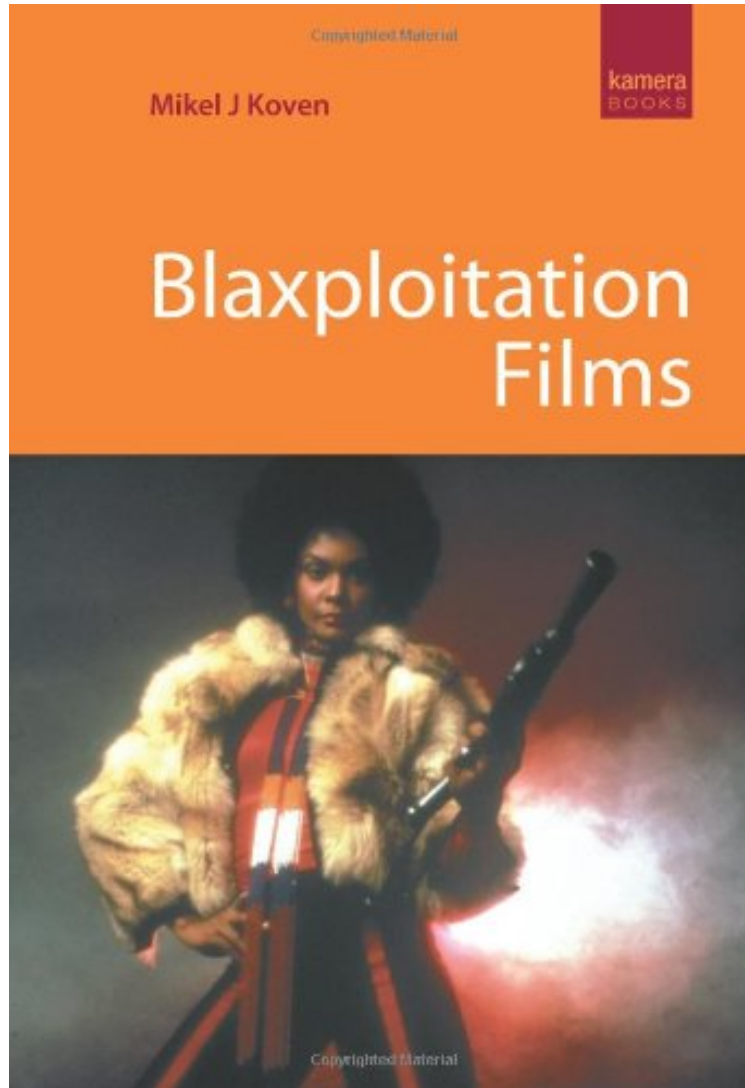


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Mikel J. Koven : Blaxploitation Films before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Blaxploitation Films:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very Good Film-By-Film Look At A Super-Funky Genre By ScoreTheFilm I'm a huge fan of Blaxploitation and I've seen dozens of them so I'm not a novice to the genre. Koven, in a small 5.4" x 7.7" book, has compiled an abundant amount of films. He starts with the one that started them all, SWEET SWEETBACK'S BAAADASSSS SONG (1971), and continues (not in chronological order) with reviews of all of the popular titles as well as some of the lesser-known films, including documentaries on the subject. There are a

bunch of them. With each review he provides essential information like the director, writer, cast and length and then moves onto sections on the story, subtext, background, soundtrack and his 'verdict'. There are some films that don't get the full treatment but you'll find most of what's listed above included within each film's section. While I don't agree with everything Koven says (opinions are subjective), he does a fine job in presenting the facts along with his interpretation and review. Sometimes people look too deeply into subtext, forgetting that sometimes a movie is just meant to be fun and there doesn't have to be anything lurking beneath the surface; not always, but sometimes. I bought this hoping there were lots of pictures of the groovy movie poster artwork and perhaps some behind the scenes shots. Unfortunately, there are only 8 pages of movie posters (all in color, 6 pages have one near-full page poster and 2 pages have 4 small posters). I dig the book but the scant amount of images leave me wanting more. I'm hoping one of the several other books I ordered (along with this one) will fill that void. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A great read. By Michael Chapes This was a perfect history lesson for anyone who wants to learn more about films in the "blaxploitation" films from the late 70's. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Debra L Harris Love the cover a strong sistah Tamara Dobson she 's gone but not forgotten Love the book very informative.

Fully updated to include Baadasssss and The Hebrew Hammer and to cover the deaths of Isaac Hayes and Rudy Rae Moore

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