Subject: Re:Hamlet, I was transfixed Posted by BillEpstein on Mon, 07 Feb 2005 08:52:28 GMT

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Ran it thru again instead of watching you-know-what. One knows the story and still can be drawn into the murder mystery, juxtaposition of the melancholy Dane's "feigned" madness and the real lunatic, Ophelia, action adventure with Laertes and the supernatural aspect of the Ghost. The dialogue one was forced to puzzle out by one's high school teacher with threats of 'pop quiz's which was as obscure as could be just comes to life when the emotion of the actors and the action of the characters comes into play. If the story was by Nelson DeMille, screenplay by William Goldman and directed by Peter Weir we'd be hearing about "Best Picture" nominations. Instead, it's a curiosity owing to forced reading in high school and starring the Lethal Weapon. What a shame. This is absolutely the best movie I have seen in years.