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Sooner or later one of two things will happen: 1.) There will be some quality film made that isn't a date movie for 14 year olds. 2.) I move some place where there is an actual intellectual climate of some sort. Until then, I pick stuff that the library system stocks its shelves with. No, I didn't pay for the rental of Hellboy so it's just my time that's involved and nothing else. My first contact with Hellboy was at the Bill Gates Memorial Research Room at the local library. In there my neighbor had something called 'Hellboy' on his screen. I thought, "Oh brother." These months later the picture has been released, the dvd for sale and one of the small town libraries on interloan bought it. Was it worth the wait that normally occurs on requests for interlibrary materials? Sure. Free is free. The plot line of this is stretched to the limit of credibility but once you get past that you have to deal with the characters. Then the action sequences were okay as such things go. Finally the romance. I like what the creators and Ron Perlman did with the tragicomic hero of Hellboy seeking a girlfriend. This briefly reminded me of a picture by Hal Hartley (I think) called "No Such Thing (As Monsters)." For all the Beauty and the Beast characters that Ron Perlman has played, this is easily the best. As to story, credibility, effects, yada yada, those reviews can be found elsewhere. Here I'll only say that I liked the way film concluded.

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