

# Mysterious 'Bedroom Window' forgoes laughs for real suspense

Actor Steve Guttenberg has kept his audiences entertained in past movies, most of which are comedies, by doing some particularly bizarre and hilarious things.

Included in his repertoire of the strange and funny is everything from having his fiancée pass a football test before marrying him ("Diner")

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to making love to a beautiful extraterrestrial in "Cocoon." But in his latest movie, we find Steve Guttenberg looking through more serious eyes.

Known more popularly by moviegoers as the anti-authoritarian prankster Carey Mahoney in the movie "Police Academy," Guttenberg now trades a spoonful of humor for a spoonful of seriousness in the newly released romantic thriller, "The Bedroom Window." This sidestep from comedy to more serious acting suits him well, too.

In "The Bedroom Window," Guttenberg stars as Terry Lambert, a flashy young architect employed at a prestigious contracting company, where he is having an affair with the boss's wife, Sylvia, played by Isabelle Huppert ("Sincerely Charlotte").

The mystery begins one night while the lovers are together at Terry's place and momentarily, while all is quiet on the western front, a piercing scream is heard outside the second-story window. Sylvia reaches the window first and calls to Terry, who is making his way to the bathroom, while she alone witnesses an assault being made on a woman below (Elizabeth McGovern). But before Terry can finally reach the window, the suspect has disappeared from view, leaving Sylvia as chief witness to the crime.

Suddenly caught between giving the police information

concerning the identity of the suspect or keeping her whereabouts that night a secret from her husband, Sylvia is understandably doubtful as to which action she should take. But then it is quickly decided by Terry that he will cover for Sylvia, becoming an impromptu witness, although he himself has actually witnessed nothing. She then preps him on the information involved until he believes he's ready for the questions of the police.

From this point forward, Terry's false testimony to the police lures him further and further into an entangled web of confusion, blunder, mystery and suspense.

Terry's once smooth and casual life has suddenly become

an intriguing race for justice, leaving Terry no longer only an "impromptu witness" but an integral player in the game of solving crime.

"The Bedroom Window" is an excellent movie of its kind. That is to say, it is a classy suspense-thriller that will sometimes leave you in the back of your seat guessing and formulating and then suddenly catapult you forward to the edge of your seat, gut-wrenched.

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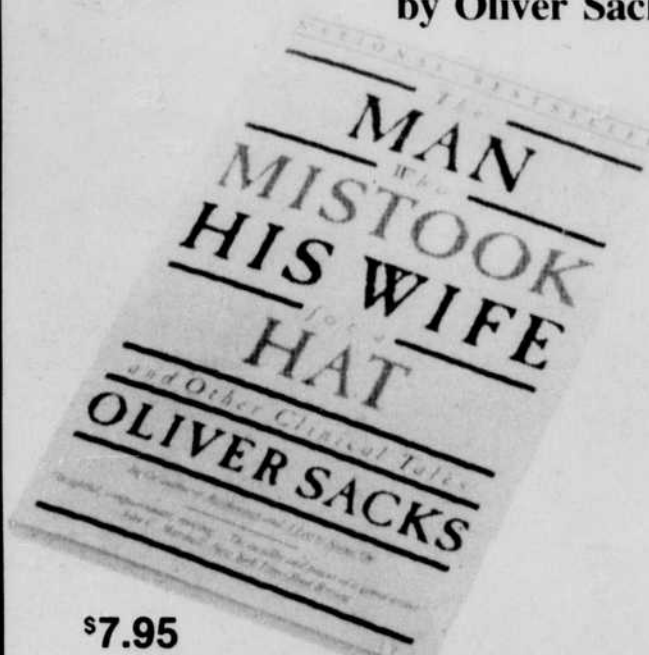
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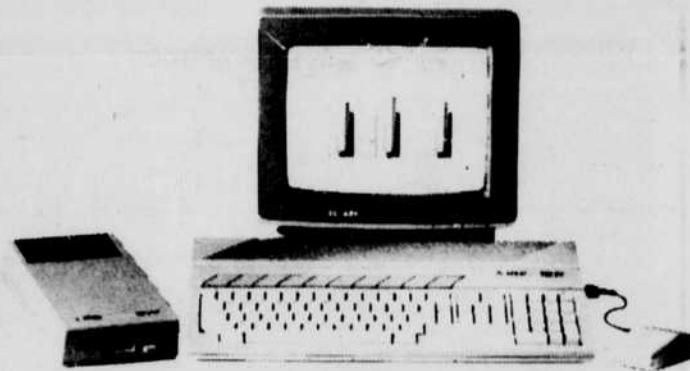
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