

An American → Werewolf in London

97 mins, UK, col

Dir John Landis

*David Naughton, Jenny Agutter,
Griffin Dunne, John Woodvine*



An American Werewolf in London is an entertaining mix of gory horror and black humour. US tourists David Naughton and Griffin Dunne are attacked by a werewolf while walking on the Yorkshire moors, and Dunne is killed. While Naughton recovers in hospital he is visited by his late friend's decomposing corpse, which warns him that although he has survived, he now bears the werewolf's curse. Initially sceptical, Naughton finds himself getting rather hairy come the next full moon. Jenny Agutter provides romantic interest as the sexy nurse who takes Naughton in. The Oscar-winning transformation sequence is one of several very scary moments, balanced by darkly comic scenes such as the one in which Naughton is introduced to the animated corpses of his victims while sitting in a Soho cinema.