

of the Master as a Mephistophelian character: a man with the capacity for good who chose evil instead. And, of course, Stevenson got him All Wrong. It has been left to Herb. Meadow, script-writer, to set the record straight. Herb. throws Secundra Dass out of the window, demotes Mackellar almost to vanishing point, junks most of the Master's overseas wanderings (and with them the contrived Stevensonian climax), and reveals James, the Master, as a wild but warm-blooded adventurer—a little fond of the women, perhaps, but Good at Heart. Errol Flynn demonstrates, in fact, that he was remarkably like Errol Flynn, which should please the small fry (there are plenty of buccaneers and simply buckets of blood). Grown-ups, on the other hand, may find the movie less enthralling than the novel, in spite of some noble colour photography by Jack Cardiff. With so little Stevenson left in, the film really needs retitling. I offer *The Master of Ballyhoo*. Any other suggestions?

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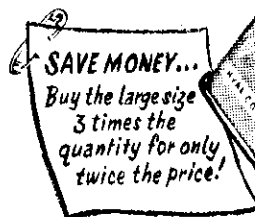


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