

REVIEW

Netflix thriller 'Who Is Erin Carter?' falls flat

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Who is Erin Carter? Netflix's latest action thriller seeks to answer that question in its seven-episode run, but the writing is so lacklustre and the narrative so shoddy that viewers may be left in the lurch.

Directed by Jack Lothian, the creator seems to have rushed through the entire process with little care for drawing satisfactory performances out of his cast.

Five years after leaving England with her daughter, Harper (an outlying remarkable piece of acting by Indica Watson), we see Erin as a substitute teacher in a



The show is now streaming on Netflix. Supplied

Barcelona international school. But Erin's credentials as a teacher begin to look suspicious when she tackles armed robbers at a supermarket like a professional.

Played by Evin Ahmad, Erin who is married to Jordi (Sean Teale) with a lovely daughter, has problems mixing with locals and a shadowy past. Time and time

again, Netflix's efforts to present strong female characters come to nought — this protagonist is terribly boring and one-dimensional. She takes on dozens of vicious looking, gun-toting men with unbelievable ease and very little emotion, something that will require viewers to suspend disbelief.

The series may not be entirely unwatchable, but is so lopsided that it is quite boring after a point and disappointingly, much of the runtime is wasted focusing on Erin's spats with a rich neighbor as the supporting cast wait in the wings with nothing much to do.

Besides the occasionally witty line from the school secretary (played by Susannah Fielding), there is no real depth to any of the supporting cast, let alone the protagonist herself.

Despite its failings, the collaboration between Britain's Left Bank Pictures, best known for "The Crown," and Spain's Palma Pictures does boast high production values, with some beautiful shots of Barcelona thrown into the visual mix.

"Who Is Erin Carter?" is sadly a forgettable show that fails to deliver on its promises of being a riveting thriller.