

JPod

W. BRUCE PIRRIE / CANADA / 4:00 / COMEDY

WRITER

Bruce Pirrie

PRODUCER

Judith Keenan

MUSIC

Martin Worthy

STARRING

Michelle Morgan
John McNairy



A geek's stunted but sincere efforts to win the amorous attentions of "the new girl" in the pod cult of video game programmers.

ABOUT THE FILM: JPod centers on Ethan's stunted but sincere efforts to win the amorous attentions of "the new girl" Kaitin Boyce, an unwilling recruit to the survival cult of video game programmers, themselves thrown together in gray cubby-holed work-spaces by virtue of last-name bureaucratic alphabetized efficiency. Ethan's peculiar attempts in courtship ultimately win him the battle, if not the war. Consummated by a gesture that is the epitome of modern love, Ethan inculcates Kaitlin into the amoral morass that is JPod.

ABOUT THE WRITER:

Bruce is a seasoned actor, screenwriter, story editor, film and stage director who has worked in the entertainment industry in Canada for over 25 years without ever waiting on one table. At the Second City he wrote and performed in six original shows and directed seven others. Bruce has also written, directed and/or performed in: SCTV, SUPERTOWN CHALLENGE, THE FIFTH QUADRANT and the feature film, DUCT TAPE FOREVER. For seven years he was a senior writer and talent director on THE RED GREEN SHOW. He has been nominated for several Dora Mavor

Moore Toronto theatre awards and twice been nominated for a Gemini for Best Comedy Writing for Television.

ABOUT THE BOOK: A lethal joyride into today's new breed of technogeeks, Coupland's novel updates Microserfs for the age of Google. Ethan Jarlewski and five co-workers whose names start with J are bureaucratically marooned in JPod, a no-escape architectural limbo on the fringes of a massive Vancouver game design company. The six workers daily confront the forces that define our era: global piracy, boneheaded marketing staff, people smuggling, the rise of China, marijuana grow ops, Jeff Probst, and the ashes of the 1990s financial tech dream. JPod's universe is amoral and shameless. The characters are products of their era even as they're creating it. Everybody in Ethan's life inhabits a moral grey zone. Nobody is exempt, not even his seemingly straitlaced parents or Coupland himself, as readers will see.

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