

War Babies (film)

War Babies is a 1932 American comedy short film directed by Charles Lamont. It is the second in a series of eight one-reelers that satirized adult films and themes called *Baby Burlesks*. The casts in the series are pre-schoolers dressed in adult costumes on top and diapers fastened with large safety pins on the bottom. In her autobiography, Shirley Temple Black describes the *Baby Burlesks* series as "a cynical exploitation of our childish innocence," and notes the short films were sometimes racist or sexist.

War Babies is a spoof of the World War I film *What Price Glory?* and was originally titled *What Price Gloria?*. The film is set in Buttermilk Pete's Cafe where the child performers dance, play music, and drink milk. The film stars Shirley Temple spoofing Dolores del Río as Charmaine and Georgie Smith and Eugene Butler as soldiers vying for her affection. Shirley has her first onscreen kiss with Eugene Butler. Others in the cast are Georgie Billings, Philip Hurlic and Ashley Shepherd. In 2009, the film was available on DVD.

<i>War Babies</i>	
Directed by	Charles Lamont
Produced by	Jack Hays
Starring	Shirley Temple Georgie Smith
Distributed by	Educational Film Exchanges
Release date	September 18, 1932
Running time	11 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English

See also

- Shirley Temple filmography

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External links

- *War Babies* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0023669/>) on IMDb
- The short film *War Babies* (https://archive.org/details/war_babies) is available for free download at the Internet Archive

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