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Crystal Fortune Run

*** (Audio: C+, Video: C+)

Simon Yam, Man Cheung, Anita Yuen. Directed by Lee Kin-Sang. Released by CAV Distribution. Hong Kong (Cantonese/Mandarin). 90 minutes. Not rated. No extra features.

"Crystal Fortune Run" is one of those Hong Kong action films that draws heavily on the American noir tradition, converting it into a unique sub-genre of its own. Simon Yam stars as a police inspector who falls in love with a deadly femme fatale played by Cheung Man. Along for the ride and to provide some tension is the always-fetching Anita Yuen.

There are so many classics from the early 1990s period of the Hong Kong New Wave that films like "Crystal Fortune Run" aren't given their proper due. But there is much to admire in this well-conceived and transformed picture, notably in the performances by the three leads who bring weight, mystery and a dangerous romantic allure to what might otherwise have become just another moody Hong Kong crime thriller. **-By Wade Major**