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### **Cooking With Stella**

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A light, clever and very enjoyable comedy written by director Dilip Mehta with his sister Deepa, *Cooking With Stella* puts an appealingly wry and distinctly Indo-Canadian spin on upstairs-downstairs tales of servants who outwit their social betters. At the heart of the film is the clash of sensibilities (and cultural sensitivities) between a young Canadian family living in a diplomatic residence in New Delhi and Stella (Seema Biswas), an indefatigably crafty housekeeper. Don McKellar and Lisa Ray are terrific as the newcomers but it's the Indian cast members who have the most fun in the Mehtas' fleet-footed satire.

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