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SCARY MOVIE REVIEW

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Scary movies are a **MUST** when it comes to Halloween. There are many different types of scary movies, and they are located across almost every streaming channel. The contrasting aspects of scary movies can include gore, monsters, suspense, supernatural/paranormal happenings, jumpscares, and more. Every person has their own favorite scary movie, whether it is a physiological thriller like Saw or The Shining, or a gory slasher like Scream. In this article I will be rating a few scary movies in **MY OPINION** based on the following scare factor made by me.

1-3: Does this even count as a scary movie?

4-6: A bit frightening

7-9: Woah is this for kids?

10: Popcorn goes flying, and nightmares for life

THE RING (2002)

The movie “The Ring” was directed by Gore Verbinski. The genre is horror/mystery, but I would say it is a physiological thriller. The rating is PG-13, because of language, frightening images, and intense sequences.

“The Ring” starts out with a cursed video tape that contains disturbing images. After watching this tape you receive a call which tells you that you have seven days until your death. A journalist and her ex-boyfriend begin to investigate the tape, and the tape's origin. It connects to an island, a “mentally unstable” girl, horses, and a messed up family. How can they break this curse? Can they uncover the secrets of the girl in the tape?

THEMES:

- 1. Curiosity and its consequences**
- 2. Repressed Trauma**
- 3. Cycle of Evil**

SCARE RATING: 5/10

It definitely is not one of the scariest movies out there, but it is more of a disturbing psychological mystery that contains many little hidden details that will leave you wanting more.

Overall Opinion:

I really enjoyed this movie. I wasn't constantly having to close my eyes, or pause the movie because it was scary. I think this movie was produced very well, and I recommend this to all ages.

IT (2017)

The movie "It" is based on the 1986 horror novel by Stephen King. The genre of this movie is horror/mystery and it is rated R (17+ without an adult).

The movie "It" takes place in a small town called Derry, Maine. A group of "losers" or "outcasts" with interesting home lives, begin to encounter supernatural things. The group includes seven kids; Bill, Beverly, Richie, Ben, Eddie, Mike, and Stan. After Bill's brother, Georgie goes missing, Bill and his friends begin to look for him. Throughout this search they are confronted with horrifying things, such as Pennywise the Clown who is the mastermind behind every mysterious thing that has been happening in Derry. This movie tests fear, pain, and friendship as these seven kids uncover the secrets of "It".

THEMES:

1. Power of Friendship and Unity
2. The Nature of Evil
3. Man VS Supernatural
4. Confrontation of Fear

SCARE RATING: 8/10

This movie had many jumpscars, and creepy monsters. Definitely leaves you on the edge of your seat.

Overall Opinion:

My overall impression of this movie was that it wasn't quite terrifying, but it was more weird/freaky. There were many factors that were just plain odd, and freaked me out. I didn't have nightmares from this movie, but it is definitely a really good pick and I recommend it to anyone who isn't too scared of clowns.

SMILE (2022) (BE CAUTIOUS BEFORE READING THIS)

The movie “Smile” is a supernatural physiological horror film directed and written by Parker Finn. It is rated R because of strong violent content, language, and gore.

A psychiatrist named Rose is haunted by a supernatural entity that causes its victims to die by suicide while smiling. The only exception to this, is to kill someone and the person that witnesses starts to see the supernatural entity. As she tries to escape the curse, she realizes it feeds on trauma and fear. Throughout her search for answers many terrible things happen to her and those around her.

THEMES:

1. Generational Trauma/Suicide
2. Cycle of Evil/Evil passed down
3. Terror and Guilt

SCARE RATING: 7/10

This movie had some trippy parts which included the main character having hallucinations, terrible dreams, and paranoia.

Overall Opinion:

My overall impression of this movie was that it was very physiological, and had lots of interesting moments. It focuses mostly on the topic of mental health, which can be triggering for some people. (wouldn't recommend watching it if that is the case). It is a crazy messed up storyline, and I enjoyed getting a good scare out of this movie. There is a “Smile 2” and I will be watching it.