

The night of the hunter

Director: Charles Laughton

Year: 1955

Runtime: 93 minutes

Country: USA

Language: English

Color: Black and white

Cast:

Robert Mitchum	Harry Powell
Shelley Winters	Willa Harper
Lillian Gish	Rachel Cooper
Peter Graves	Ben Harper
Billy Chapin	John Harper
S.Jane Bruce	Pearl Harper

The night of the hunter is one of the greatest of all time. It was directed by the actor Charles Laughton. He directed only this film, which was a critical and commercial failure.

The story opens in rural West Virginia during the Depression Era where Ben Harper robs a bank, killing two people. Harper hides the money in his daughter's doll and makes his young son and daughter to keep the secret.

Nobody who has seen this film has forgotten it. Their images are dramatic, primal and unforgettable. Nothing about "The night of the hunter" is realistic- not the plot, not the dialogue, not the behaviour of the child character, not the photography. However, it creates a dream, a vivid hallucination of beast, classic villains, heroines, children and nature.

This film is so modern that it puts postmodernism to shame, Great performances, great soundtrack, great tale, great cinematography. What more do you want from a movie?

SAY IF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE OR FALSE. JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS.

1. The movie is against the death penalty.
2. The reverend was sentenced to 30 days in prison because he got caught in a stolen vehicle.
3. Children's mother knows where the money is hidden.
4. The evil preacher loves women.
5. Willa screams when she is going to be killed.
6. Uncle Birdie cannot help the children because he is drunk.

7. The preacher kills some gypsies and steals their horse.
8. Little John feels good when the police catch the preacher
9. You can see animals along the banks of the river.
- 10 Love and Hate are the words tattooed on the preacher's knuckles.