

Wes Craven's New Nightmare sequel worthy of original

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Wes Craven's New Nightmare starring Robert Englund, Heather Langenkamp, and Wes Craven. Directed by Wes Craven. Rated R. Playing at Carmike Post Oak. *** (out of five)

he did 10 years ago when he conjured up the idea for the first "Nightmare."

Simply put, the movie is a nightly soap opera that Craven watches while he sleeps. When he awakens each morning, he adds the last night's findings to his growing script. But when Craven's night visions start to actually happen, Craven spills the beans to Langenkamp. There is something very evil attempting to enter their world, and it has decided to make its entrance under the guise of Freddy Krueger.



Robert Englund plays himself and Freddy Krueger in "Wes Craven's New Nightmare."

The best performance in the film is given by Englund, playing two totally opposite ends of the spectrum as himself, the modest actor who has enjoyed the cult following of the series, and as the horrific Freddy, who gives off waves of dark evil each time the camera points his way.

Langenkamp is also very good, especially during her confrontations with Freddy. She resembles Linda Hamilton's character from the "Terminator" films, appearing as a beautiful, innocent woman whose will to survive pushes its way to the surface when her loved ones are threatened.


In total, the movie is every-

thing a good horror film should be, combining suspenseful sequences with shocking moments to keep the audience on the edge of their seats.

Even better, there is a wonderful plot twist in the fast-paced, high-octane ending that combines the landscape of the original film with the originality of the current release.


The only thing to worry about from this great film is that if New Line Cinema starts pulling in the bucks, they may ruin the film's good name with another slew of pointless sequels.

Hopefully, we won't have to sit through a "Newer Nightmare" or "Latest Nightmare" any time in the near future.




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