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Movie Review – The Caretaker (2012)

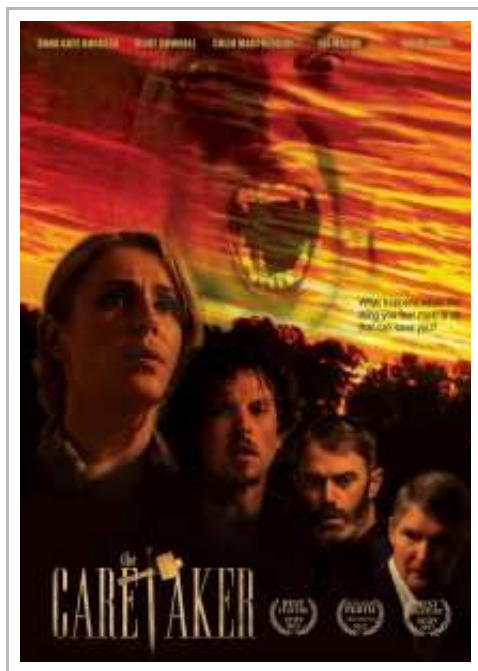
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[The Caretaker](#)

Directed by [Tom Conyers](#)

Courtesy of [MVD Visual](#)

Release Date: December 12, 2012



In a culture filled with sparkling vampires and teen-angst-romance-ridden vamp literature, it's nice to see that horror fans can still find solace in new and unique vampire films. When I first heard about THE CARETAKER and how dark it was, I thought to myself, "Now there's a vamp film that I need to check out!" The fine folks at MVD Visual sent me a copy to review, and I'm proud to announce that they have a sure-fire hit on their hands. THE CARETAKER is an excellent addition to the vampire genre, and it's one that horror fans should snatch up quickly.

If you are not familiar with THE CARETAKER, here is the plot synopsis courtesy of the

MVD Visual website:

As a wave of vampirism sweeps across the world, a small but discordant group hole up in a rural house. There, they discover a vampire has also taken refuge. He offers them a deal: if they protect him during the day, he'll protect them from other vampires at night. So begins an uneasy alliance which soon threatens to tear apart.

THE CARETAKER is a bold and visionary film that gives us a gritty, realistic look at how an epidemic could possibly overtake society. This realism is one aspect that makes the film so appealing, and I am particularly impressed with how filmmaker Tom Conyers manages to pull it off. What starts off as mild concern amongst the population turns into full blown panic as the vampire virus starts affecting more and more people.

I wish I knew what the budget was for this film, however IMDB.com does not list an estimation. It is shot well (although some of the lighting could have been better) and the production value looks fairly high. The acting is good overall and, thankfully, there are no stereotypical or hammed-up characters.

The special effects in THE CARETAKER are also well done and look great onscreen. I don't recall any majorly gory parts, although there's plenty of bloodshed when the epidemic first sets in and people are attacking/eating other people. These scenes are also some of the most intense...it's truly chilling to see what society can be reduced to in the event of a catastrophe.

My sole complaint about the film is that some of the scenes are a bit too dark for my tastes. But that is the only negative aspect I can find. THE CARETAKER is entertaining, scary, and fun, just like a horror movie should be.

I highly recommend THE CARETAKER and suggest it for anyone that is tired of hearing about teens that fall in love with wannabe fangers. The film is available now, so give it a look.

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Mark White

on **February 4, 2013 at 9:04 pm** said:

I'm delighted that you enjoyed The Caretaker. We are in preproduction for the sequel and with so many delighted viewers, I can't wait to have it out there! Btw the budget was under \$400k but then both the Director and I have worked some four years now without pay. I hope the pirates leave some of our hard work for us!

Cheers

Mark.



Matthew Scott Baker

on [February 4, 2013 at 9:13 pm](#) said:

Thanks so much for stopping by, Mark! I'm glad to hear there is a sequel in the works...I will definitely be checking that out!



Mark White

on [February 4, 2013 at 9:24 pm](#) said:

Well keep you posted!