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A DVD Review: *Dracula's Great Love*

Can Love Save the Count?

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The movie begins with two guys who were hired to move a casket that they were informed not to open, but of course they do. But all they find is a skeleton, after hoping to find some family jewels. What is outside of the coffin when they look through the Austrian's house is what really gets them.

Filed in color in 1972 and 83 minutes long, this movie is sure to be a great item for the vampire movie collector. 'Dracula's Great Love' stars the gorgeous Paul Naschy as Dracula.

Five travelers, four of them beautiful women, get stuck at a cursed house with a doctor after their stagecoach loses a wheel. If that weren't bad enough, their horses were scared off by the howl of wolves and the doctor has no mode of transportation available for nearly a week. Did I mention that this house they are staying at was formerly a sanitarium?

I love the costume design in this film. The women spend most of their time dressed to the nines in formal wear. The bright colors of their dresses are a great contrast to the dark, macabre storyline.

The area in which these people are stranded is rumored to be a place where Dracula, Jonathan Harker and Mina had all been together. Of course the women are unbelieving about the existence of Dracula being truth. But as their time at this creepy house goes on they learn differently.

There is a very cool reverse negative effect done in one part of this movie that I found intriguing. Used during one of the tales about Dracula, the negative film outlook of blues gives it a more eerie effect.

How can you tell that someone has been bitten and turned into a vampire? By their whitened pale face, even though the rest of their body is still naturally tanned. Ok, so maybe that's not really how you can tell, but it is the case in 'Dracula's Great Love'.

If lots of blood is not your thing it would be best for you to not view this film. And if you are not old enough to watch eroticism then you better go to bed, because this movie is packed full of both.

In the end, Dracula must find his true love and she must fall in love with him the natural way, not for his powers. Will the beautiful virgin love Dracula? Will her suddenly missing travel companions be found alive, dead or undead? There is only one way for you to find out, watch 'Dracula's Great Love'.

Takeaways

- 👉 This movie is perfect for the vampire film lover.
- 👉 With a great twist, you just don't know what will happen in the end.
- 👉 Paul Naschy is a fabulous Dracula.

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