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Lit Review 1

*Girl in the Box*

Right away, I don't like Cam. He said, "She didn't give me a choice. I told her not to scream." You ALWAYS have the choice to not kill someone. It's not that hard to not kill people, I do it every day. So much has changed since the 70s. I feel like women are much more careful about hitchhiking now because of everything that has happened and all the women that have been murdered. This is the third movie like this that I've written a lit review for and I can't even imagine having to act in these roles, let alone living it. It must be so traumatic just having to act out these events.

I'm like 10 minutes into this movie and I hate Cam with a passion. I'm at the scene where he's talking to his wife and saying "You knew how it was when we were married. I didn't change, you did." I really want to know more about this guy and his background, because what has to happen to someone for them to get that messed up. He seems like he's definitely done this before. The wife has also clearly been through a lot of trauma with him. She's so scared of him and at the same time she doesn't want to lose him. It drives me crazy that these guys get their wives or other family members involved in their crap. Be a horrible person but don't get other people involved.

I'm shocked and appalled that he made her sign that contract. I mean, really, I'm not all that shocked because I know the story, but still. The thing he was talking about with the cop who cut off the girl's arms and legs and hung her next to his bed was disgusting and part of me wants to know if it's true. I hope it's not true, but it's still awful if he just used that story to show her "how lucky you were to get me."

I did a little bit of research while I was watching and found out that Colleen survived, so now I want to know who they were burying at the beginning. I'm really hoping it wasn't their daughter Amber, but I have a gut feeling that it is. My heart broke a little bit when Colleen didn't recognize Amber and she had no idea how long she had been in the box. The scene where she's in "confessional" while still inside the box is absolutely horrifying. The way they filmed and cut the bits together is literal nightmare fuel. She looks so ghost-like and unhealthy and I'm sure that's how she was.

Cameron is the epitome of gaslighting and it's disgusting. He made up this entire company or whatever just to scare and manipulate her into staying. I can't believe he made her stick a gun in her mouth and pull the trigger for the sake of the "company." He knows what he's doing is wrong, he proved that when Colleen was asking him when the torture first started, but he still manipulates them into thinking it's ok. Colleen asked what he would do if someone did the same thing to his daughter and he flat out said that he'd kill them, and he got so mad when she said "Then how do you think my dad feels?"

I'm curious what happened to Jan and Amber (if she survives) after Colleen. I don't even want to know what it did to Amber growing up with that. She must have thought it was normal for several years to have a "slave" like that. I also hate that Colleen's family could tell that something was clearly wrong, and they didn't even do anything. I know making sudden movements wouldn't have helped, but there must have been something. They must have been absolutely mortified they let that monster in their house after they found out what had really been going on.

I knew there was another girl. There was no way that was his first time kidnapping someone. What a horrible person.

I did some research to find out what is happening with Cameron and his prison sentence. I know he was sentenced to 104 years. According to my research, he was eligible for parole in 2015 and then again in 2020. He was not released either time. As of yesterday, his case is heading to trial to determine whether or not he should be labeled as a sexually violent predator. If he is found guilty, he will stay in prison and get mental health treatment. If he is found not guilty, he will be released on parole. I set a Google alert and will be following this closely.