

Stephen King novel turns quiet town around



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with the use of high explosives and shotguns, and Gaunt is loving every minute of it.

Fraser Heston's debut as a director is good, especially considering the string of successful King novels converted into flops for the big screen. He keeps the film rolling along at a leisurely pace, with all the action and suspense in the right places, with a few touches of humor thrown in as well.

Heston also knows what kind of scenes will bring a macabre smile from moviegoers, such as a couple of priests trying to beat the holy snot out of each other.

The cast is excellent as well, with great performances from Amanda Plummer ("The Fisher King") as the soft-spoken Nettie and J.T. Walsh ("Good Morning Vietnam") as Keeton, a city council member that falls heavily under the influence of Gaunt's spell.

The prize, however, has to go to Von Sydow. His portrayal of the devilish Gaunt is deliciously morbid, and the line of puns concerning Gaunt's background — "I didn't think another soul would fit in here" — doesn't stop, but it isn't overdone.

The music, however, is overdone. Patrick Doyle threw in just a few too many "Ominous Angelic Choruses," and at times it hurts the film's effectiveness as a thriller.

But the great suspense and good acting makes "Needful Things" worth the price.

—Gerry Beltz



"Needful Things"



What would you be willing to do for one wish?

That is the question posed by the movie "Needful Things," the latest screen adaptation of a Stephen King novel.

Castle Rock, Maine, is a quiet little town. The local sheriff (Ed Harris, "Glengarry Glen Ross") has just proposed to the cafe owner Polly (Bonnie Bedelia, from the "Die Hard" films), and in general everybody is happy.

That is, until the suave but mysterious Leland Gaunt (Max Von Sydow) arrives and opens up an antique store called Needful Things.

Of course, this isn't just your run-of-the-mill antique store. Somehow, Gaunt can give his customers the one thing each has always wanted — for a price.

No, they don't have to sign away their souls; they just have to pull a "harmless prank," such as throwing mud and turkey crap all over someone's laundry.

Eventually, Gaunt gets everyone in the town hating one another, and the "harmless pranks" escalate

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August 23, 1993 - August 23, 1994

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