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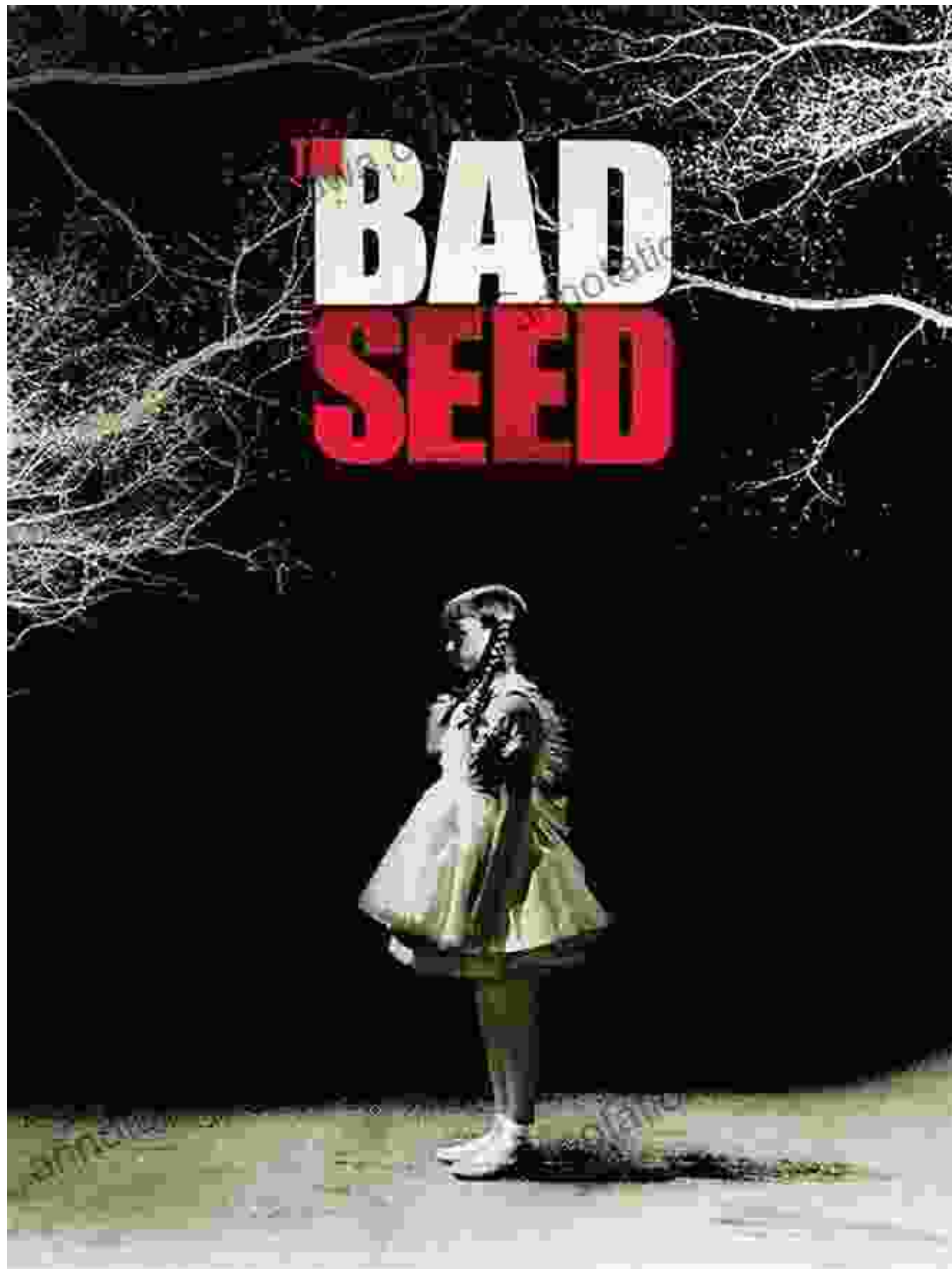
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The Bad Seed (1956) movie poster

The Bad Seed is a 1956 American psychological thriller film directed by Mervyn LeRoy and starring Patty McCormack, Nancy Kelly, William Hopper, and Eileen Heckart. The screenplay by John Lee Mahin is based on the 1954 novel of the same name by William March.

The film tells the story of Rhoda Penmark (McCormack), a seemingly innocent 8-year-old girl who is secretly a psychopath. Rhoda is responsible for the death of a classmate, but she is able to manipulate her parents and teachers into believing that she is innocent.

The Bad Seed was a critical and commercial success, and it has been praised for its suspenseful plot, strong performances, and disturbing subject matter. The film has been remade several times, including a 1995 television movie and a 2018 film.

Review

The Bad Seed is a classic film that still has the power to chill audiences today. Patty McCormack gives a tour-de-force performance as Rhoda Penmark, a character who is both innocent and evil. The film's suspenseful plot and disturbing subject matter make it a must-see for fans of psychological thrillers.

The film's director, Mervyn LeRoy, does a masterful job of creating a sense of unease and dread. The film's cinematography and editing are also top-notch, and they help to create a truly immersive experience for the viewer.

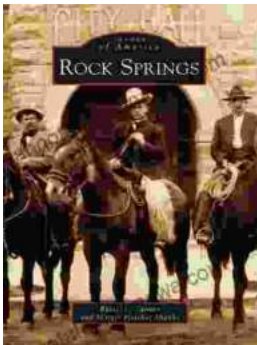
Overall, The Bad Seed is a classic film that deserves its place in the pantheon of great cinema. It is a suspenseful, disturbing, and thought-provoking film that will stay with you long after you have seen it.

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- John Smith, Film Critic



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