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**Doctor Sleep: B**





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Mike Flanagan attempts to marry Stephen King's and Stanley Kubrick's versions of *The Shining* in this uneven sequel. The story masterfully explores family trauma and having responsibility for others as an adult Danny Torrance battles with alcoholism and protects a teen named Abra. Rebecca Ferguson is particularly chilling as Rosie the Hat, the leader of a group that feeds on children's "shine." However, *Doctor Sleep* can't decide whether to be a thriller or horror film. Although the atmosphere and scares are palpable, the original book ending is dropped for a climax in the Overlook Hotel that is overwrought with homage.

Sean Woodard, *Film Editor*

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