THE SYMBOLISM OF SACRIFICIAL RITUAL IN DREW GODDARD`S FILM THE CABIN IN THE WOOD

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The result of research shows that the main character of Drew Goddard’s film The Cabin in The Woods is Dana Polk. She is described as smart, curious, honest and brave. She also experiences both internal and external conflict. Setting in this film is divided into setting of place and setting of time. Icon in this film are old diary book and mini camera. While the index are Mordecai words, Dana pronounce Latin words, the whore’s death, the gas, the fool’s death, failure, the athletics’sâ€™ death and the scholar’s death. Then the last symbol in this film are bird and invincible wall, the cabin, the painting of lambs being slaughter, zombie, blood fingerprint, red telephone, altar (pentagram) and a gigantic hand.

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