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GRAND HOTEL

1932

115 mins B&W

Directed by Edmund Goulding, starring Greta Garbo, John Barrymore, Joan Crawford, Wallace Beery.

This is the film in which Garbo, as a world-weary ballerina, actually says, "I want to be alone." The hotel, like airports and ocean liners, is one of Hollywood's favorite unifying devices when they have a bunch of stars, a director, and no real script to speak of. So you have a torrid affair between crumbling aristocrat John Barrymore and Garbo, Wallace Beery representing big business, and Joan Crawford putting her two cents in for the working-girl.

The flimsiness of the script (and it is glittering soap-opera) is nonetheless overshadowed by MGM gobs of glamour, enough to get this movie the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1932.

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