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**"August: Osage County"**

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Chris Cooper ("Adaptation"); Ewan McGregor ("Moulin Rouge!"), Margo Martindale ("Dead Man Walking"), and Oscar nominees Sam Shepard ("The Right Stuff"), Juliette Lewis ("Cape Fear"), Abigail Breslin ("Little Miss Sunshine") and Golden Globe nominee Benedict Cumberbatch ("Sherlock"). The performances of the entire cast are outstanding.

"August: Osage County" is bitterly funny in a few scenes but overall it is a dramatic piece. It does feel stogy at times - especially inside the house - and it is Julia Roberts who pulls the scenes back into being a motion picture.

"August: Osage County" is rated R for language, alcohol and drug use, sexual content and violence.

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