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B.A. Thesis Evaluation

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Title: The Depiction of Religious Themes in American Thrillers and Horrors
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	Grade A, B, C, D, E, F (F = fail)	Notes
1/ Aim/Goal: Definition Accomplishment	A	The goal is clearly outlined and accomplished.
2/ Critical overview of sources	A	Shows ability to debate and argue against other scholars' points of view. Excellent in the area of horror. Perhaps somewhat lacking in the area of religious symbolism.
3/ Context, background (literary, cultural, social, etc.)	B	As above, stronger in the area of horror, not so strong in the religious and literary historical contexts.
4/ Definitions of key concepts. Approach to analysis	A	Excellent except for the confusion of the terms "protagonist" and "antagonist" on p. 27. Antagonist is a character who opposes the protagonist (the main character of the work). The moral goodness of the characters is not part of the definitions of these terms.
5/ Conciseness and coherence (ability to accurately form arguments, logical structuring, ability to generalize as well as present pertinent specific details)	A	The argumentation is clearly structured, and the work reads very well.
6/ Knowledge of primary literature	A	Excellent.
7/ Use of secondary literature (choice, extent, relevance, documentation, critical reflection)	A	The used sources are worked with well.
8/ Formal level (adhering to citation and bibliographic standards)	A	Excellent.
9/ Level of academic English	B	Very good overall.
10/ Quality of the Czech summary	C	Rather short and not very concrete.
11/ Typography, graphic appearance, absence of errors	B	Minor inconsistencies.

Comments and Questions for the defense:
1. You have focused on horror in your thesis, but could your theoretical framework be meaningfully used in analyzing crime fiction as well? Twisted religious motivations are the source of suspense and horror in that genre as well.

In closing:
The thesis is ~~is not~~ recommended for defense.

Suggested classification (A, B, C, D, E, F): **A**

January 3, 2024   Mgr. Šárka Dvořáková
Date   Opponent of the B.A. thesis