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GARY FRANKLIN REVIEW

("9+")

Transcript:

Vigil is a must see movie from New Zealand . . . and it opens here later this week.

Its a unique ... brooding and unforgettable movie.

The time is now. A sheep farm, amid the mountains of New Zealand . . . a 13 - year - old girl, who adores her father. Her mother is a slightly farm worn ex-ballerina.

One of the sheep falls into a crevice .. the father climbs to rescue the animal ... nearby a poacher fires a shot at a mountain goat ... the shot dislodges some rocks, while the girl watches the father falls to his death ... the poacher a young, bearded giant of a man, carries the body back to the farm ... and there now develops a vague sexual electricity between the girl and the stranger, of which the mother becomes aware. Meanwhile, there's a grand-father, who builds huge machine-run toys.

The photography of VIGIL is some of the best I've seen and ranks right up there with another powerful movie opening this week - MANHUNTER.

The performance - by everyone - especially the girl ... magnificent. And there's a beautiful love-making scene... a great film ... VIGIL on the Franklin-scale of 1-10, 10 being best ... a 9 - plus.

Don't miss this one. See it on KABC Radio with Ken and Bob in the morning ... about 8:35.