

# The Valley Voice

*The Voices of the Columbia Valley*

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## LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

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We are wishing you and yours a very Happy Easter! We're sorry we're a tad late with the issue, we needed a little extra time. Thank you for understanding! More great content in this issue, thank you to any and all who submitted. It's your great content that makes this what it is!



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The Volunteers of the Columbia Valley Voices Online Magazine are dedicated to providing content that is generated and supported by our valley residents.

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# THE HEALING WONDERS OF NATURE

Inspired by Henry David Thoreaus' classic book 'Walden'  
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"In Wildness is the preservation of the world."

Beneath the canopy of the forest, the muse of creativity comes alive. According to Henry David Thoreau, immersing oneself in nature can lead to heightened creativity and spiritual growth. He believed that the beauty and wonder of the natural world had a transformative effect on the human soul. By spending time in nature, Thoreau felt that individuals could break free from the confines of societal norms and discover their true selves.

It's easy to get caught up in modern society's fast-paced and frenzied lifestyle. Thoreau believed that spending time in nature could help individuals gain a new perspective on life. By observing the natural world's rhythms, he felt that individuals could break free from their narrow viewpoints and open themselves up to new possibilities. Thoreau's philosophy reminds us that sometimes we must slow down, step back, and look at life differently.

When the world feels like it's crashing down around you, sometimes the only solace you can find is in nature. Henry David Thoreau understood this all too well. He believed the natural world had a healing power to ease our pain and comfort us in grief. In his own life, he found solace in the woods and lakes around 'Walden Pond.'

In today's hectic world, finding inner peace can be a challenge. Thoreau believed that the natural world offered a sanctuary from the chaos of everyday life. He felt that by immersing oneself in nature, individuals could find a sense of otherwise elusive tranquility. Whether it's the sound of a babbling brook, the rustling of leaves in the wind, or the chirp of a bird, the natural world has a way of calming the mind and soothing the soul.

Sometimes we feel isolated and disconnected from the world around us. Thoreau says the natural world can help us connect and be one with the universe. By immersing oneself in nature, he believed individuals could tap into the universal energy that flows through all things. Thoreau's philosophy reminds us that we are not alone in the world but a part of something greater than ourselves. Human existence is an endless journey of discovering the meaning of life.

Often, in the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, we forget our existence's essence and the beauty surrounding us. We become so consumed with the distractions and obligations of our lives that we neglect to appreciate our surroundings and acknowledge the abundance of blessings we have been bestowed with. By simply pausing for a moment, gazing beyond the confines of our limited perspective, and inhaling the air that sustains us, we can awaken to the realization of the magnificence of our existence. Through this awakening, we can rediscover the profound depth of gratitude that allows us to transcend the mundane and connect with the essence of our being.

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## VALLEY SPOTLIGHT: CANAL FLATS

Nestled in the heart of the Columbia Valley in British Columbia, Canada, lies the quaint town of Canal Flats. Known for its stunning natural beauty, friendly community, and rich history, this little country town has become a popular destination for both locals and tourists alike.

One of the things that make Canal Flats unique is its strong sense of community. With a population of just over 700 people, the town has a close-knit feel where everyone knows each other by name. This welcoming spirit is evident in the many community events that take place throughout the year.

One of the biggest events in Canal Flats is the annual Canal Days festival, which takes place over the August long weekend. The festival is a celebration of the town's history and culture, with activities such as a parade, live music, food vendors, and a beer garden. Visitors can also take part in a variety of outdoor activities, including a fishing derby, a golf tournament, and a 10K run.

Another popular event in Canal Flats is the Christmas Craft Fair, held every November. This event features local artisans and crafters showcasing their wares, making it the perfect place to find unique gifts for loved ones. Visitors can also enjoy a festive atmosphere, with holiday treats and music adding to the fun.

In addition to these annual events, Canal Flats also offers a range of outdoor activities throughout the year. The town is situated on the shores of the beautiful Columbia River, providing opportunities for fishing, kayaking, and paddleboarding. There are also several hiking trails in the area, including the Columbia River Trail, which offers stunning views of the surrounding mountains and river.

For those interested in history, Canal Flats has plenty to offer as well. The town was originally founded in the early 1900s as a logging camp, and many of the original buildings still stand today. Visitors can take a self-guided walking tour of the town, visiting historic sites such as the old train station and the Canal Flats Heritage Centre.

Overall, what makes Canal Flats such a great little country town is its combination of natural beauty, community spirit, and rich history. Whether you're looking for outdoor adventure or a taste of small-town charm, this hidden gem in the Columbia Valley has something to offer everyone.



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Skiers and snowboarders in the Columbia Valley are rejoicing as local ski resorts have reported record snowfall for the April 2023 season. With over 3 feet of fresh powder in the past week alone, conditions are ideal for those looking to hit the slopes for some spring skiing. Visitors are reminded to always ski safely and follow resort rules.

## COLUMBIA VALLEY WINERIES OFFER NEW WINE TASTING EXPERIENCES

Wine enthusiasts visiting the Columbia Valley can now enjoy new tasting experiences at local wineries. Several wineries in the region have recently introduced innovative tasting options, such as pairing tastings with locally sourced cheese or chocolate. Visitors can also enjoy tours of the vineyards and learn about the winemaking process from the experts themselves.



## COLUMBIA VALLEY TRAIL NETWORK EXPANDS WITH NEW TRAIL OPENING

Hikers and bikers in the Columbia Valley have reason to celebrate as a new trail has been opened, expanding the already extensive trail network in the area. The new trail, located near Invermere, offers stunning views of the surrounding mountains and is suitable for all skill levels. Local authorities remind visitors to stay on designated trails and practice leave-no-trace principles.

## COLUMBIA VALLEY ARTS COMMUNITY HOSTS SPRING ART SHOW

The arts community in the Columbia Valley is gearing up for the annual Spring Art Show, showcasing the work of local artists in a variety of mediums. Visitors can enjoy paintings, sculptures, and photography, and even meet some of the artists in person. The event is a great way to support the local arts scene and discover new talent in the area.





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# Local Highlights

## THE WHITEHOUSE PUB

The Whitehouse Pub is a beloved establishment in Windermere, British Columbia. Located at 4836 Athalmer Road, the pub has been serving up delicious food and drinks since it first opened its doors in 1987. Today, it continues to be a popular spot for locals and visitors alike.

The Whitehouse Pub is known for its welcoming atmosphere and friendly staff. Whether you're stopping in for a quick bite or settling in for a night of drinks and entertainment, you'll feel right at home in the cozy and comfortable interior of the pub. The walls are adorned with vintage photographs and memorabilia, giving the space a nostalgic and rustic feel.

One of the highlights of The Whitehouse Pub is its menu. From classic pub fare like burgers and wings to more sophisticated dishes like pan-seared salmon and ribeye steak, there's something for everyone on the menu. The kitchen uses only the freshest ingredients, and the portions are generous, ensuring that you'll leave feeling satisfied.

In addition to its great food and drinks, The Whitehouse Pub also offers a variety of entertainment options. There are several large screen TVs throughout the pub, making it a popular spot to catch the game with friends. The pub also hosts live music and karaoke nights, which are always a hit with the crowds.

One of the things that sets The Whitehouse Pub apart is its commitment to supporting the local community. The pub hosts several fundraisers and charity events throughout the year, and has become a gathering place for many local organizations and clubs.

The Whitehouse Pub is open seven days a week, from 11am until late. Whether you're in the mood for a quick lunch, a casual dinner, or a night of drinks and entertainment, you won't be disappointed by what The Whitehouse Pub has to offer. So next time you're in Windermere, be sure to stop by and experience it for yourself.



## WINDERBERRY AND EDIBLES FARM+CAFE+CATERING

Winderberry and Edibles Farm+Cafe+Catering is a hidden gem nestled in the heart of Windermere, BC. This unique farm-to-table establishment offers guests a truly unforgettable experience with its delicious food, beautiful setting, and warm hospitality.

The farm is a beautiful sight to behold, with its rows of lush green vegetables and fruits, blooming flowers, and towering trees. The owners and staff at Winderberry and Edibles are passionate about sustainable farming and use only the freshest, locally sourced ingredients in their dishes.

The cafe is the perfect place to relax and enjoy a meal after a long day of exploring Windermere and the surrounding area. The menu features a range of delicious dishes made from scratch, including soups, salads, sandwiches, and baked goods. Vegetarian and gluten-free options are also available, making this cafe accessible to all.

What really sets Winderberry and

Edibles apart, however, is its catering service. Whether you're planning a wedding, corporate event, or family gathering, the talented team at Winderberry and Edibles will work with you to create a customized menu that perfectly suits your needs. Their commitment to using locally sourced, seasonal ingredients means that every dish is bursting with flavour and freshness.

One of the standout features of Winderberry and Edibles is the cozy and welcoming atmosphere. The cafe is housed in a beautifully restored heritage building, with plenty of seating inside and out. The staff are friendly and attentive, and the service is always excellent.

Overall, Winderberry and Edibles Farm+Cafe+Catering is a must-visit destination for anyone traveling to Windermere, BC. With its delicious food, stunning farm setting, and warm hospitality, it's the perfect place to unwind and enjoy some of the best that the region has to offer.



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Some days you may feel like a man, Other days, a woman, or neither can, Gender is not a binary, it's a spectrum to see, Where you can be whoever you want to be.

It's about breaking down walls and embracing change, Challenging societal norms that often feel strange, It's about celebrating diversity and uniqueness, And understanding that we all have our own uniqueness.

Gender fluidity is not a phase or a trend, It's a part of who we are, and it's here to stay till the end, It's about acceptance and love, not hate or bigotry, And embracing the beauty of gender fluidity.

Guest Submission.

# LIFE ON THE LAKE

The water is still, the air is calm, Life at the lake has a certain charm, Where  
time slows down, and worries fade, And nature's beauty takes center stage.

The sun rises and sets with a golden glow, A symphony of colors in the sky's  
afterglow, A peacefulness settles, and the world feels right, As the day's worries  
vanish into the night.

The lake's surface is a mirror of the sky, Reflecting the clouds as they drift by,  
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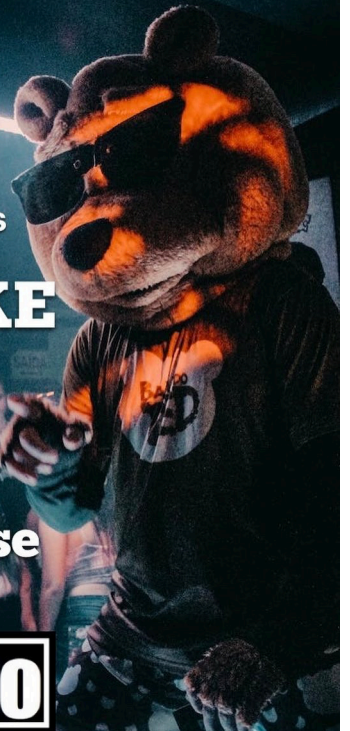
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## VALLEY NONPROFITS

The Columbia Valley, located in southeastern British Columbia, is a beautiful region known for its stunning natural landscapes, outdoor recreation, and friendly communities. However, what many people may not realize is that the area is also home to a number of wonderful nonprofits that are making a positive impact in the community. From environmental conservation to community development, these organizations are doing important work to improve the quality of life for locals and visitors alike.

One such nonprofit is the [Columbia Valley Community Foundation](#), which supports local charities and community groups through grants, scholarships, and other initiatives. The foundation's work is focused on improving the social, cultural, and economic well-being of the region, and it has funded a wide range of projects, from arts and culture programs to affordable housing initiatives.

Another nonprofit that is making a difference in the Columbia Valley is the [Lake Windermere Ambassadors](#), a group dedicated to preserving the health and beauty of the local lake and watershed. The organization's programs and activities include water quality testing, shoreline restoration, and educational outreach to local residents and visitors. Through its efforts, the Lake Windermere Ambassadors are helping to ensure

that the lake remains a healthy and vibrant ecosystem for generations to come.

For those interested in the arts, the [Columbia Valley Arts Council](#) is a must-visit nonprofit. The organization promotes the arts through a range of initiatives, including exhibitions, concerts, workshops, and events. The council also manages the local art gallery, which showcases the work of both local and regional artists, and provides opportunities for emerging artists to display their work.

Finally, the [Hospice Society of the Columbia Valley](#) is another important nonprofit that provides vital services and support to those facing end-of-life issues. The society offers compassionate care, grief support, and education to individuals and families in the community, and works to ensure that everyone has access to quality end-of-life care.

These are just a few of the many wonderful nonprofits that are making a difference in the Columbia Valley. Whether you're a resident or a visitor, it's worth taking the time to learn more about these organizations and the important work that they do. By supporting these nonprofits, you can help to build a stronger, more vibrant community for everyone.

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# Gamer's Corner

## Game Review: Diablo 4 Beta



The Diablo series is back with its fourth installment, and the beta has given players a sneak peek at what's to come. Here's a rundown of the pros and cons of Diablo 4 beta.

Pros:

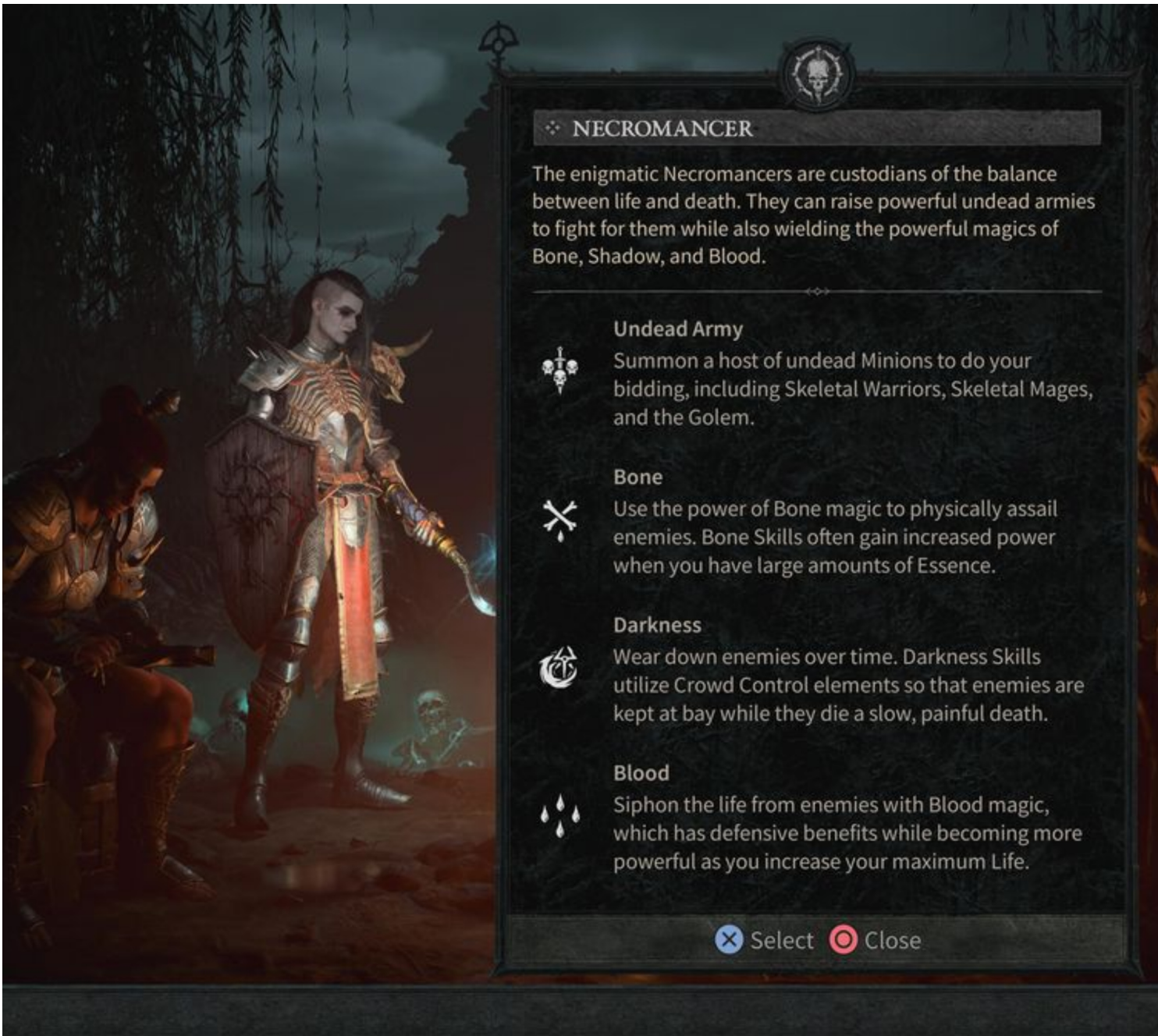
1. Dark and Gritty Atmosphere: Diablo 4 sets itself apart from its predecessors with a darker and more mature tone. The game's visuals are impressive, with the character models and environments looking great.
2. Improved Gameplay Mechanics: The gameplay in Diablo 4 feels more refined and smoother than ever before. The controls are more intuitive, and the combat mechanics are more responsive.
3. More Open World Exploration: The world of Diablo 4 is larger and more open than before. This allows players to explore more areas, and the game world feels more alive.
4. Multiplayer Support: Diablo 4 supports multiplayer, allowing players to team up with friends to tackle quests and dungeons.

Cons:

1. Limited Content: As is typical with beta releases, there isn't a lot of content available yet. Players have access to only a few classes and limited areas to explore.
2. Bugs and Glitches: Beta releases are also known for their bugs and glitches, and Diablo 4 is no exception. Players may experience some issues with the game, such as crashes or glitches.
3. Graphics Optimization: While the graphics are impressive, the beta's optimization needs improvement, as the game can run slowly on some machines.

Wrap-Up:

Overall, the Diablo 4 beta shows a lot of promise. The improvements made to the gameplay mechanics and the open-world exploration are great, and the game's dark and gritty atmosphere is refreshing. However, the limited content and bugs need to be addressed before the game's full release. Fans of the series will definitely want to keep an eye on Diablo 4's development.



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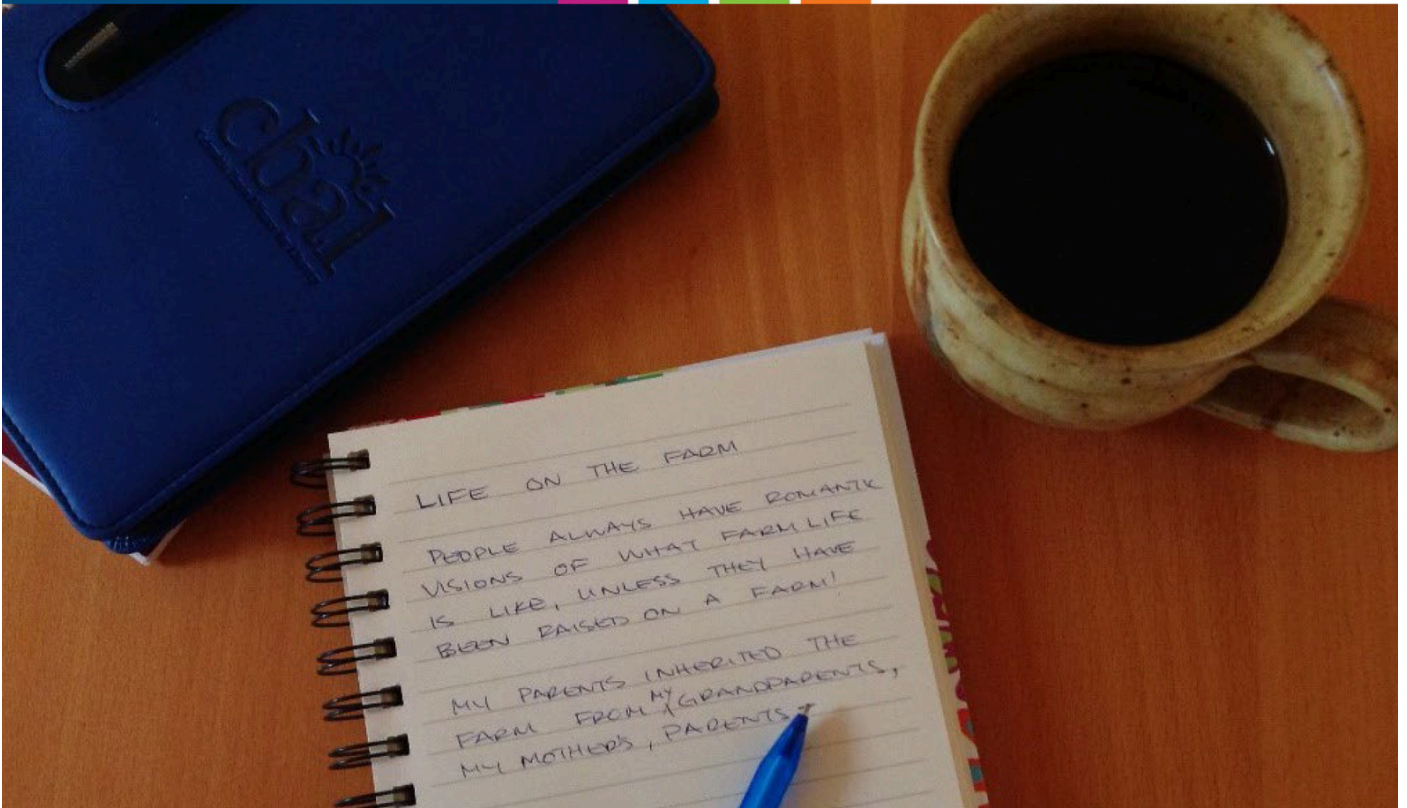
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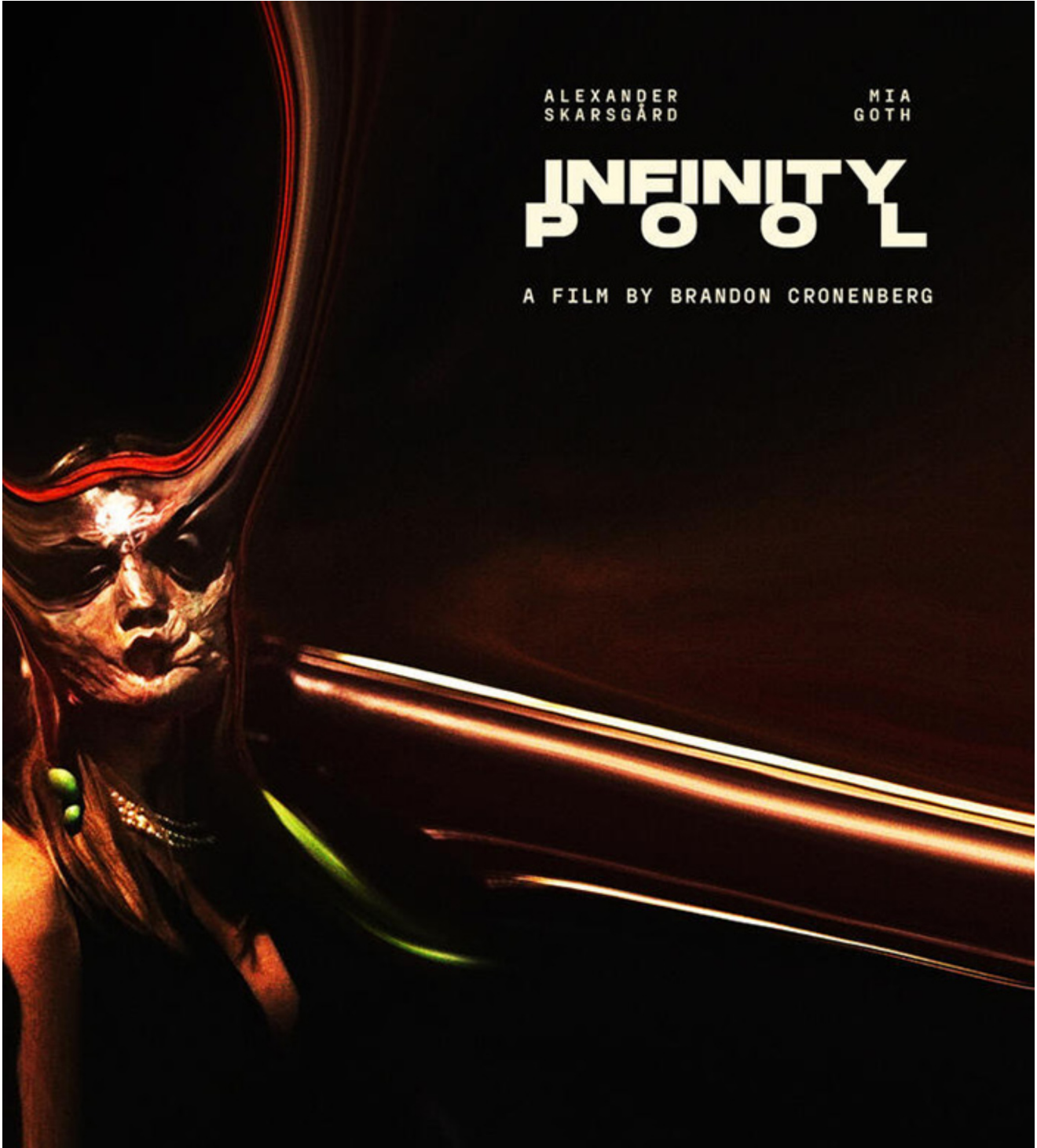
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# Mansion of Evil

## Infinity Pool Review



Infinity Pool is a recent horror movie that has been generating buzz among horror fans. Directed by Brandon Cronenberg, the film follows a couple who travels to a luxury resort in Thailand to mend their relationship, only to find themselves trapped in a bizarre and terrifying nightmare.



Here are some pros and cons of the movie:

Pros:

1. Unique premise: Infinity Pool takes the common horror trope of a vacation gone wrong and adds a fresh twist to it. The resort setting, the ominous atmosphere, and the surreal elements of the plot create a unique and engaging viewing experience.
2. Strong performances: The cast of Infinity Pool delivers solid performances, particularly Alexandra Shipp, who plays the lead character. Shipp manages to convey a range of emotions and reactions to the terrifying events that unfold in the movie.
3. Thought-provoking themes: While Infinity Pool is primarily a horror movie, it also touches on themes such as love, trust, and identity. These deeper themes add depth and complexity to the story and make it more than just a generic horror flick.
4. Visually stunning: The movie's cinematography and visual effects are impressive, creating a vivid and immersive world that draws viewers into the story.

Cons:

1. Slow pacing: Infinity Pool has a slow and deliberate pace, which may not appeal to viewers who prefer fast-paced horror movies.
2. Lack of scares: While the movie has some unsettling and creepy moments, it may not deliver enough scares for some horror fans. The film's emphasis on atmosphere and mood over jump scares may also disappoint viewers looking for more traditional horror fare.
3. Ambiguous ending: The movie's ending is open to interpretation and may leave some viewers feeling unsatisfied or confused.
4. Some plot holes: There are a few plot holes and inconsistencies in Infinity Pool's story that may detract from the overall viewing experience.

Overall, Infinity Pool is a unique and thought-provoking horror movie that is worth watching for fans of the genre. While it may not deliver the scares that some viewers are looking for, its strong performances, engaging themes, and impressive visuals make it a standout entry in the genre.





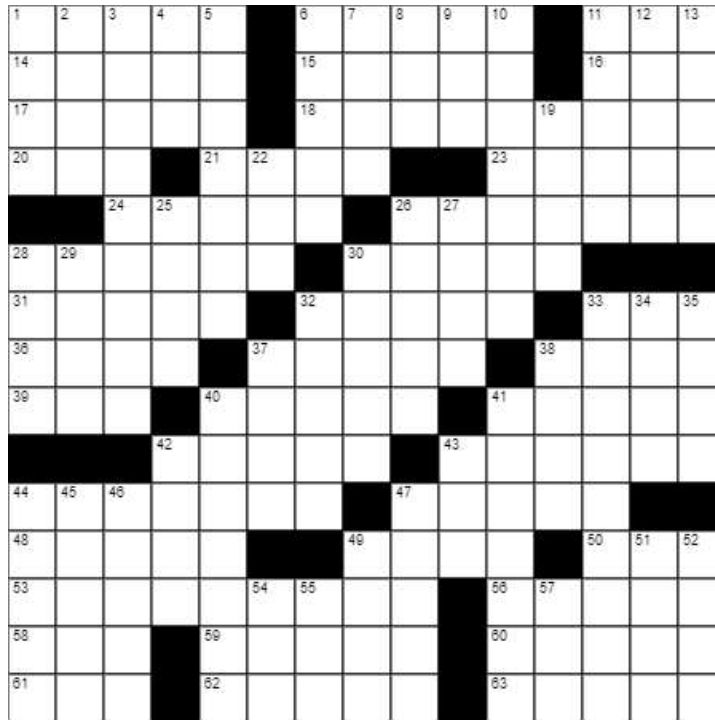
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## Down

1- Sale sign; 2- Discounted by; 3- Italian restaurant; 4- Car club; 5- Shaky; 6- Fold; 7- Waterfall; 8- "Aladdin" monkey; 9- Mahayana movement of Buddhism; 10- Intoxicating liquor; 11- Runs through; 12- Minor, in law; 13- Aggregate of qualities that make good character; 19- Neighbor of Turkey; 22- Possesses; 25- Leaf tool; 26- O. Henry device; 27- The world's longest river; 28- Rushed, drove too fast; 29- List heading; 30- Siouan speakers; 32- Now, in Nogales; 33- Secession; 34- Heavy metal; 35- Actress Daly; 37- Composition in verse; 38- Step; 40- Stunt; 41- Portend; 42- Bluey-green color; 43- Capp and Capone; 44- More urgent; 45- Grenoble's river; 46- Grassy plain; 47- Uses a straw; 49- Stream of air; 51- Reindeer herder; 52- Worry; 54- Hindu title; 55- Summer shade; 57- Seasonal beverage;

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