

Tropical Medicine: Lepromatous Leprosy



Action: From the late 20's to the invasion of Belgium during the Second World War. Bruges, Antwerp, Congo... (Belgium).

American movie poster.

Technical Details

Original title: *The Nun's Story*.

Country: USA.

Year: 1959.

Director: Fred Zinnemann.

Music: Franz Waxman.

Photography: Franz Planer.

Film editor: Walter Thompson.

Screenwriter: Robert Anderson about the novel of the same name by Kathryn Hulme based on a true story.

Cast: Audrey Hepburn, Peter Finch, Edith Evans, Peggy Ashcroft, Dean Jagger, Mildred Dunnock, Beatrice Straight, Patricia Collinge, Rosalie Crutchley, Ruth White, Barbara O'Neil, Margaret Phillips, Patricia Bosworth, Colleen Dewhurst, Stephen Murray, Lionel Jeffries, Niall MacGinnis, Eva Kotthaus...

Color: Color.

Runtime: 149 minutes.

Genre: Drama.

Language: English.

Productions Companies: Warner Bros Pictures.

Synopsis: Shortly before 1930 Gabriela van der Mal, a young Belgian nurse daughter of an eminent surgeon, joins a convent. After completing the probationary period, the postulate and the novitiate, she completes her education as a nurse in the Amberes School of Tropical Medicine. After professing her final vows, and being already Sister Lucas, she is charged to go to the Congo. There, among other activities, she visits a leper colony when the lepromatous leprosy ravages are present¹.

Awards: Eight Oscar nominations.

Links:

The Nun's Story (1959). Available from:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0053131>

[Trailer](#)



Microbiological diagnosis.



Leonine facies.



Loss of fingers and chronic foot ulcers.



Claw hand, deformities and amputations of hands and feet and chronic foot ulcers.



Erosion and collapse of the nasal septum.



Leper colony.

Referencias

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