

Poltergeist (1982)

Screenplay by: Steven Spielberg, Michael Grais, Mark Victor
Directed by: Tobe Hooper

Cast

Craig T. Nelson	Steve Freeling
JoBeth Williams	Diane Freeling
Beatrice Straight	Dr. Lesh
Heather O'Rourke	Carol Anne

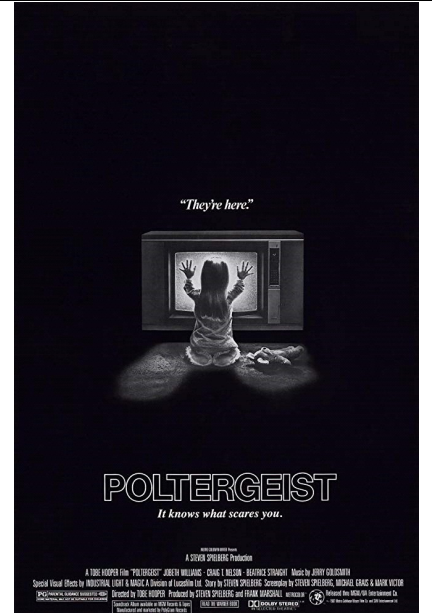
Oscar Nominations:

Best Musical Score : Jerry Goldsmith

Best Visual Effects

Best Sound Effects

No Wins....



Synopsis

A young family are visited by ghosts in their home. At first the ghosts appear friendly, moving objects around the house to the amusement of everyone, then they turn nasty and start to terrorise the family before they "kidnap" the youngest daughter.

Trivia

- Drew Barrymore was considered for the role of Carol Anne, but director Steven Spielberg wanted someone more angelic. It was Barrymore's audition for this role, however, that landed her the part of Gertie in E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (1982).
- Both of the terrors that plague Robbie came from director Steven Spielberg's own fears as a child: a fear of clowns and a tree outside his window.
- The house used to film this movie is located in Simi Valley, California where it still stands today. The family who owned it sold it in May of 2009.
- JoBeth Williams was hesitant about shooting the swimming pool scene because of the large amount of electrical equipment positioned over and around the pool. In order to comfort her, Steven Spielberg crawled in the pool with her to shoot the scene. Spielberg told her, "Now if a light falls in, we will both fry." The strategy worked and Williams got in the pool.
- (at around 1h 2 mins) The hands which pull the flesh off the investigator's face in the bathroom mirror were the film's producer, Steven Spielberg's.

