

# Misery

*107 mins, USA, col*

*Dir Rob Reiner*

*James Caan, Kathy Bates, Lauren Bacall, Richard Farnsworth*



Rob Reiner's film adaptation of Stephen King's novel of the same name adds many darkly comic touches and plays up the psychological duel between the two main protagonists. Successful author Paul Sheldon (Caan) is badly injured when he crashes his car during a blizzard. He is rescued by 'number one fan' Annie Wilkes (an Oscar-winning Kathy Bates), who sets about restoring him to health. However, when Annie discovers that Paul is about to kill off his popular character, Misery Chastain, she reveals her psychopathic side, forcing him to resurrect Misery in print. Caan and Bates are superb as prisoner and captor, and the scene in which Annie decides to 'hobble' Paul to prevent him from escaping will bring tears to your eyes.