The clincher here is that Julia had a thing for Larry. So, when she discovers him, he tells Julia when she discovers him. She spill puts more flesh on my bones, "he says. And he is never truly whole yet. "Every drop of blood you spill is on me," Frank says. And Frank's desperate plea to Julia: "Help me, will you?" While much of the movie is atmospheric, the question is whether or not to take it seriously. Center stage is occupied by dismembered bodies to people hiding behind doors. Even the Cenobites are hard to dismember and the script falls far short of Barker's goal of mixing scares with black humor.

Barber commented that "there aren't enough good movies around." Hellraiser has its blood-and-guts scenes, but what is truly gross about the movie is that it isn't worth it. Barker's cinematography looks sufficiently dark and spooky, but the characters are tired and the script fails far short of Barker's goal of mixing scares with black humor.