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RE: K by Mary Roberts Rinehart.

This is a very fine story, a human and even dramatic tale. The characterizations are especially fine. Though it may be considered old fashioned, in my opinion there is no question but what a very fine picture could be made from this novel. Considerable adaptation will be necessary to make it up-to-date. But, taken all in all although it is fifteen years old it nonetheless remains a grand story.

Of course there is the question to consider whether we wish to do a picture that, to a large extent, is concerned with a hospital, surgery etc. for the main theme of the story is concerned with a great surgeon who has become a recluse on account of his supposed failure in a serious operation. And the main character is a nurse in the hospital, in fact a great deal of the action takes place in a hospital.

It's quite true that "K" may be considered as of the old school of writing to a certain extent, but the old ~~formula is as~~ good as ever under new treatment.