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**W2820 WATCH THE SHADOWS DANCE (AUSTRALIA/CANADA,  
1987)**

(Other titles: Nightmaster)

**Credits:** director, Mark Joffe ; writer, Michael McGennan.

**Cast:** Tom Jennings, Nicole Kidman, Joanne Samuel, Vince Martin.

**Summary:** Martial arts/action film set in a militaristic dystopian near future Australia. College martial arts students play a war game devised by gym teacher Steve Beck (Martin), a Vietnam vet. A highly decorated war veteran, Steve is the only survivor of his army unit and has deep emotional. He is drug dependent and can show no human feelings other than anger and violence to hide his survivor's guilt. Steve's best student and his biggest admirer is young Robby Mason (Jennings), who Steve is guiding to the karate/boxing championship finals. Teacher Sonia Spane (Samuel), is concerned about Steve's influence on Robby, and tries to warn the student about Steve's destructive nature, but it takes Robby a long time to recognize the problem. A young Nicole Kidman plays Robby's girlfriend Amy.

No known reviews. Information from the Internet Movie Database.

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