

***FULL METAL JACKET* (21th of October 1987)**

Director : Stanley Kubrick

Cast : Matthew Modine – Vincent D’Onofrio – Lee Ermey

Genre : War – Drama

INTRODUCTION

Stanley Kubrick succeeds once again, to catch and embark us, in the tough and the brutal reality of the Vietnam War.

We follow a group of young boys enlisting the famous Navy corps, and absolutely not well prepared to face the violence, so be ready to live this striking, dramatic and epic history !

Based on the novel of Mickael HERR “Dispatch”, *Full Metal Jacket* is probably one of the most very credible movies in this genre.

THE PLOT

All is about morality, honor, respect and human limits in this movie.

There are two clear steps in the story. The first takes place in the military training camp of Parris Island, in South Carolina at the end of 1960.

This first part focused on three main characters. The despotical Sergeant-Major Hartman admirably played by Lee ERMEY – the violent instructor of the camp, who persecutes the clumsy soldier LAWRENCE, nicknamed “Gamer Pyle”.

This unlucky recruit is helped and supported by “Joker” played by JT DAVIS” his only defense against the sergeant major HARTMAN and the rest of the SQUAD. After a while and a lot of humiliations, “Gomer Pyle” becomes a perfect soldier.

But the war is already engaged on a terrifying psychological field, and nobody really knows the deep nature of the men.

The second part moves us towards Vietnam’s battle field, and “Joker” joined the military reporter’s unit.

During a fight against the enemy, most of his squadron died, and even if he survived to this fire fight, “Joker” must have to face his own limits.

THE ANALYSE

Full Metal Jacket shows us, in a very rhythmical and unexpected way, which are the effects of the war and its physical and psychological traumas on the men, all of this on the background of the Vietnam War.

Stanley Kubrick plunges us into the very realistic atmosphere of the military training camps, and the actor Lee ERMEY was inspired by his instructor’s own background, to write his text and play his own very violent role.

He will tell the anecdote of the doughnut and the scenes of humiliations as well as the looks full of angers during close-ups of cameras.

In addition, the sound track will transport you in the period of the 60s with the original tracks of the Rolling Stones or Nancy Sinatra.

And once again, Stanley Kubrick, will work with his daughter Vivian for the music which underlines the dramatic scenes. In spite of the casting of unknowns, the actors succeed in carrying all the intensity of the game, until the last second.

By explaining his project of movie, Stanley Kubrick had to work alone to set up and gather decorations, vehicles, weapons and uniforms, because the US army didn’t appreciate the negative image that *Full Metal Jacket* was going to reveal.

We shall congratulate the perfectionism of this exceptional director.

CONCLUSION

Full Metal Jacket is a Dramatic / Action war movie, which will challenge your consciousness. Fans of war movies go see and appreciate !!