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Title: **The Green Mile**



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Information

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 Sound mix: DTS, Dolby Digital, SDDS
 Colour: PAL
 Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Frank Darabont
Screenplay by	Frank Darabont
Based on	<i>The Green Mile</i> by Stephen King
Produced by	Frank Darabont David Valdes
Starring	Tom Hanks David Morse Bonnie Hunt Michael Clarke Duncan James Cromwell Michael Jeter Graham Greene Doug Hutchison Sam Rockwell Barry Pepper Jeffrey DeMunn Patricia Clarkson Harry Dean Stanton
Cinematography	David Tattersall
Edited by	Richard Francis-Bruce
Music by	Thomas Newman
Production companies	Castle Rock Entertainment Darkwoods Productions
Distributed by	Warner Bros. ^[a] (Select territories) Universal Pictures ^[a] (through United International Pictures, select territories)
Release date	December 10, 1999 (United States)
Running time	189 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$60 million
Box office	\$286.8 million ^[3]

Storyline

At a Louisiana assisted-living home in 1999, retiree Paul Edgecomb becomes emotional while viewing the film *Top Hat*. His companion Elaine becomes concerned, and Paul explains to her that the film reminded him of events that he witnessed when he was an officer at Cold Mountain Penitentiary's death row, nicknamed "The Green Mile".

In 1935, Paul supervised Corrections Officers Brutus "Brutal" Howell, Dean Stanton, Harry Terwilliger, and Percy Wetmore, reporting to Warden Hal Moores. Percy, the nephew of the state governor's wife, demonstrates a sadistic streak but flaunts his family connections to avoid being held accountable. He is particularly abusive towards prisoner Eduard "Del" Delacroix, killing his pet mouse, Mr. Jingles.

Paul is introduced to John Coffey, a physically imposing but mild-mannered black man sentenced to death after being convicted of raping and murdering two young white girls. He joins Del and another condemned convict: Arlen Bitterbuck, the first to be executed. The officers are forced to deal with psychotic new inmate William "Wild Bill" Wharton, who frequently causes trouble by assaulting the officers and racially abusing John, forcing them to restrain him in the block's padded cell on more than one occasion.

After John heals Paul's severe bladder infection by touching him, and later resurrects Mr. Jingles, Paul gradually realizes that John possesses a supernatural ability to heal others. Paul doubts whether someone with the power to perform divine miracles is truly guilty of the crime.

In exchange for resigning from the penitentiary and accepting a job at an insane asylum, Percy is allowed to oversee Del's execution. At the execution, Percy deliberately avoids soaking the sponge used to conduct electricity to Del's head, leading to Del suffering a gruesome and agonizing death, with John forced to feel Del's pain as well. Paul and the other officers punish Percy by forcing him to spend a night in the padded cell. While Percy is locked away, they secretly smuggle John out of the prison so that he can use his powers to heal Warden Moores' wife Melinda of a brain tumor, saving her life. After Percy is released from the padded room, the others threaten to report him for his various acts of misconduct if his behaviour continues.

John uses his powers to "release" Melinda's affliction into Percy's brain, causing Percy to shoot Wild Bill to death. Soon after, John reveals in a vision to Paul that Wild Bill was the true culprit of the crimes for which he was wrongfully condemned, releasing his supernatural energy into Paul in the process. Having suffered a mental breakdown, Percy is committed to the same insane asylum where he had planned to work after resigning from the prison.

After realizing that John is innocent, Paul is distraught at the thought of executing him and offers to let him go free. John tells Paul that the execution would be an act of mercy, as he views the world as a cruel place and is in constant pain from the suffering that people inflict upon each other. Mentioning that he has never seen a movie before, John watches *Top Hat* with the other officers as his last request. As John is taken to be executed, he is mercilessly scorned by the people in attendance who still suspect him of his convictions. He then asks not to have a hood placed over his head as he is afraid of the dark. The officers watch in sadness, visibly holding back tears as Coffey is executed. Back in the present, Paul tells Elaine that John's execution was the last that he and Brutal witnessed, as they both subsequently resigned from the prison and took jobs in the juvenile system.

Paul reveals to Elaine that Mr. Jingles is still alive, having been blessed with a supernaturally long life thanks to John's healing touch. He also reveals that he is now 108 years old. While Elaine sees Paul's long life as another of John's miracles, Paul speculates that he may have been condemned to linger on Earth and outlive all of his loved ones as a divine punishment for executing John. Paul is later shown attending Elaine's funeral and muses on how much longer he has left to live.

Cast

Tom Hanks as Paul Edgecomb

David Morse as Brutus "Brutal" Howell

Bonnie Hunt as Jan Edgecomb

Michael Clarke Duncan as John Coffey

James Cromwell as Warden Hal Moores
Michael Jeter as Eduard Delacroix
Graham Greene as Arlen Bitterbuck
Doug Hutchison as Percy Wetmore
Sam Rockwell as "Wild Bill" Wharton
Barry Pepper as Dean Stanton
Jeffrey DeMunn as Harry Terwillinger
Patricia Clarkson as Melinda Moores
Harry Dean Stanton as Toot-Toot
Dabbs Greer as old Paul Edgecomb
Eve Brent as Elaine Connelly
William Sadler as Klaus Detterick
Paula Malcomson as Marjorie Detterick
Brent Briscoe as Bill Dodge
Gary Sinise as Burt Hammersmith
Bill McKinney as Jack Van Hay

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:16 Argentina:18 (cable rating) Australia:MA15+ Austria:14 Belgium:KT/EA Brazil:14 Canada:14A (Alberta/British Columbia/Manitoba, TV rating) Canada:14 (Nova Scotia) Canada:AA (Ontario) Canada:13+ (Quebec) Denmark:15 Ecuador:12 (self-applied) Egypt:18+ (self-applied) Finland:K-16 (2009) Finland:K-14 (2000) France:12 France:Tous publics avec avertissement (Blu-ray) Germany:12 Hong Kong:IIB Hungary:18 Hungary:16 (DVD) Iceland:16 India:UA (Bangalore) India:A (Mumbai, theatrical rating) Indonesia:18+ (self-applied) Ireland:18 Israel:16 (self-applied) Italy:T Japan:PG-12 Malaysia:U Mexico:B Netherlands:16 Netherlands:12 (TV rating) New Zealand:R16 Nigeria:15 Norway:15 Peru:14 Philippines:PG-13 Poland:18 Portugal:M/16 Russia:14+ Saudi Arabia:R12 Singapore:M18 (DVD rating) Singapore:PG (re-rating) Singapore:R(A) (original rating) South Africa:16 South Korea:18 South Korea:15 (cable rating) Spain:13 Spain:16 (TV rating) Sweden:15 Switzerland:16 (canton of Geneva) Switzerland:16 (canton of Vaud) Taiwan:0+ Thailand:Not Rated (self-applied) Turkey:18+ (self-applied) United Kingdom:18 United States:TV-14 (LV, TV Rating.) United States:R (No. 37056) United Arab Emirates:18+

Sex & Nudity

Mild

Violence & Gore

Severe

Profanity

Moderate

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Severe

MPAA Rated R for violence, language and some sex-related material

