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Title: **One Who Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**



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Information

Release **Title:** One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
26th February 1976 (United Kingdom)

From: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest is a 1962 novel by American author Ken Kesey (1935-2001). The novel was adapted for the movie by screenwriters Lawrence Hauben and Bo Goldman. The movie won the 1976 Academy Award for Best Motion Picture.

AKA:

Release date: 19th November 1975

Origin: United States

Genre: Drama

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Region: 2

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Languages: English

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Miloš Forman
Screenplay by	Lawrence Hauben Bo Goldman
Based on	<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> by Ken Kesey
Produced by	Saul Zaentz Michael Douglas
Starring	Jack Nicholson Louise Fletcher William Redfield
Cinematography	Haskell Wexler Bill Butler
Edited by	Richard Chew Lynzee Klingman Sheldon Kahn
Music by	Jack Nitzsche
Production company	Fantasy Films
Distributed by	United Artists
Release date	November 19, 1975
Running time	133 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$3–4.4 million ^{[1][2]}
Box office	\$163.3 million ^[3]

Filming locations: Oregon State Mental Hospital - 2600 Centre Street NE, Salem, Oregon, USA

Sound mix: Mono

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

Storyline

In the autumn of 1963, Randle McMurphy is on an Oregon work farm for the statutory rape of a 15-year-old girl. He pretends to be insane in order to get himself transferred to a mental institution and avoid hard labour. The ward is dominated by head nurse Mildred Ratched, a cold, passive-aggressive tyrant who intimidates her patients.

The other patients include young, anxious, stuttering Billy Bibbit; Charlie Cheswick, who is prone to temper tantrums; delusional, child-like Martini; the articulate, existentially desperate Dale Harding; belligerent and profane Max Taber; epileptics Jim Sefelt and Bruce Fredrickson; quiet but violent-minded Scanlon; tall, deaf-mute Native American "Chief" Bromden; and several others with chronic conditions.

Ratched sees McMurphy's lively, rebellious presence as a threat to her authority, which she responds to by confiscating and rationing the patients' cigarettes and suspending their card-playing privileges. McMurphy finds himself in a battle of wills against Ratched. He steals a school bus, escaping with several patients to go fishing on the Pacific Coast and encouraging them to discover their own abilities and find self-confidence.

After an orderly tells him that his prison sentence no longer applies to him since he has been committed, McMurphy makes plans to escape with Chief. He also learns that he, Chief, and Taber are the only non-chronic patients who have been involuntarily committed; the others have committed themselves and may leave at any time, but are too afraid to do so. After Cheswick bursts into a fit and demands his cigarettes from Ratched, McMurphy starts a fight with the orderlies and Chief intervenes to help him.

McMurphy, Chief, and Cheswick are sent to the Disturbed ward after the fight, and Chief inadvertently reveals to McMurphy that he can speak and hear normally. He has feigned deaf-muteness to avoid engaging with anyone, remembering the way in which alcoholism destroyed his father's life. After being subjected to electroconvulsive therapy, McMurphy returns to the ward pretending to be brain-damaged, but then reveals that the treatment has made him even more determined to defeat Ratched. McMurphy and Chief make plans to escape, but decide to throw a secret Christmas party for their friends after Ratched and the orderlies leave for the night.

McMurphy sneaks two prostitutes, Candy and Rose, and bottles of alcohol into the ward and bribes night orderly Turkle to allow the party. Afterward, McMurphy and Chief prepare to escape, inviting Billy to come with them. Billy refuses, but asks for a "date" with Candy; McMurphy arranges for him to have sex with her. McMurphy and the others get drunk, and McMurphy falls asleep instead of making his escape with Chief.

Ratched arrives in the morning to find the ward in disarray and most of the patients passed out. She discovers Billy and Candy together, and aims to embarrass Billy in front of everyone. Billy manages to overcome his stutter and stands up to Ratched. When she threatens to tell his mother, Billy cracks under the pressure and reverts to stuttering. Ratched has him placed in the doctor's office. Moments later, McMurphy punches an orderly when trying to escape out of a window with the Chief, causing the other orderlies to intervene. Meanwhile, Billy commits suicide by slitting his throat with broken glass. Ratched tries to ease the situation by calling for the day's routine to continue as usual, and an enraged McMurphy strangles Ratched. The orderlies subdue McMurphy, saving Ratched's life.

Sometime later, Ratched is wearing a neck brace and speaking with a weak voice, and Harding now leads the now-unsuspended card-playing. McMurphy is nowhere to be found, leading to rumours that he has escaped. Later that night, Chief sees McMurphy being returned to his bed. Chief greets him, elated that McMurphy had kept his promise not to escape without him, but discovers that McMurphy has been lobotomized. After tearfully hugging McMurphy, Chief smothers him to death with a pillow. He then tears a hydrotherapy console free of its floor mountings, throws it through a window, and escapes as the other inmates awaken and cheer for him.

Cast

Jack Nicholson as Randle Patrick "R.P." McMurphy
Louise Fletcher as Nurse Mildred Ratched
Will Sampson as "Chief" Bromden
William Redfield as Dale Harding
Brad Dourif as Billy Bibbit
Sydney Lassick as Charlie Cheswick
Christopher Lloyd as Max Taber
Danny DeVito as Martini
Dean Brooks as Dr. John Spivey
William Duell as Jim Sefelt
Vincent Schiavelli as Bruce Frederickson
Michael Berryman as Ellis
Alonzo Brown as Attendant Miller
Mwako Cumbaka as Attendant Warren
Nathan George as Attendant Washington
Marya Small as Candy
Scatman Crothers as Night Guard Turkle
Phil Roth as Woolsey
Louisa Moritz as Rose
Peter Brocco as Col. Matterson
Delos V. Smith Jr. as Scanlon
Josip Elic as Bancini
Mimi Sarkisian as Nurse Pilbow
Ted Markland as Hap Arlich
Mary Costa as Mrs. Johnson

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:18 (original rating) Argentina:16 (1995, re-rating) Australia:M Austria:12 Brazil:16 (original rating) Brazil:14 (re-rating) Canada:14A (Alberta) Canada:18A (British Columbia) Canada:14A (Manitoba) Canada:R (Nova Scotia/Ontario) Canada:13+ (original rating, Quebec) Canada:14A (video rating) Canada:G (2006, re-rating, Quebec) Denmark:11 Ecuador:18 (self-applied) Egypt:R Finland:K-16 France:Tous publics avec avertissement (original rating) France:12 (re-rating) Germany:12 (re-rating) Hong Kong:II Hong Kong:IIB (re-rating) Hungary:16 Iceland:16 India:A Ireland:18 Israel:18 (self-applied) Italy:VM14 Japan:G Mexico:B Netherlands:12 New Zealand:R18 (original rating) New Zealand:R16 (2010, re-rating) Norway:15 Norway:16 (1976) Poland:16 (self-applied) Portugal:M/16 Russia:16+ Singapore:PG South Africa:16 South Korea:18 South Korea:15 (DVD rating) Soviet Union:16 (cut) Spain:13 Spain:18 (original rating, ICAA) Sweden:15 Turkey:15+ United Kingdom:15 United Kingdom:X (theatrical rating) United Kingdom:15 (2016, re-rating) United Kingdom:18 (1987, video) United States:TV-14 (DLSV) United States:TV-MA (L) United States:R (certificate #24414) United Arab Emirates:18+ (DVD rating) West Germany:16 (original rating) West Germany:12 (re-rating)

Sex & Nudity

Mild

Violence & Gore

Moderate

Profanity

Severe

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild
Frightening & Intense Scenes
Severe
Parent Supervision – psychological and disturbing

