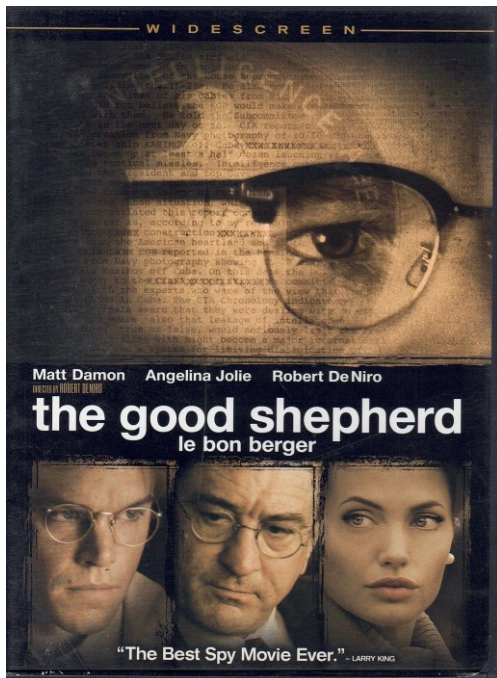


The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **The Good Shepherd**



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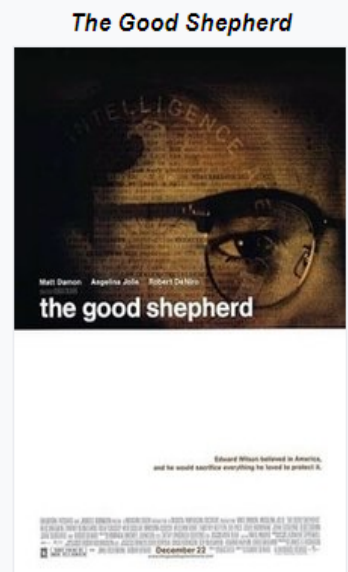
Languages: English, Spanish, Russian, German, Lingala

Filming locations: Parque Duarte, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (scenes in Leopoldville)

Sound mix: SDDS, Dolby Digital, DTS

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Robert De Niro
Written by	Eric Roth
Produced by	James G. Robinson Jane Rosenthal Robert De Niro
Starring	Matt Damon Angelina Jolie Alec Baldwin Tammy Blanchard Billy Crudup Keir Dullea Martina Gedeck William Hurt Timothy Hutton Lee Pace Eddie Redmayne John Sessions Oleg Stefan John Turturro Robert De Niro
Cinematography	Robert Richardson
Edited by	Tariq Anwar
Music by	Bruce Fowler Marcelo Zarvos
Production companies	Morgan Creek Productions TriBeCa Productions American Zoetrope
Distributed by	Universal Pictures
Release date	December 22, 2006
Running time	167 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$80 million ^[1]
Box office	\$100.3 million

Storyline

In 1961, the Bay of Pigs invasion ends disastrously. Senior CIA officer Edward Wilson is warned there are suspicions of a mole in his department. Returning home, he finds a photograph and audio recording of a man and woman in bed. However, the recording has been tampered with and certain details are unclear.

In 1939, while attending Yale, Edward is invited to join the Skull and Bones fraternity. During his initiation, he reveals that he discovered but never read the suicide note left by his father Thomas, an admiral who was to be named Secretary of the Navy until his loyalties were questioned. FBI agent Sam Murach recruits Edward to expose his poetry professor Dr Fredericks as a Nazi sympathizer, which leads to Fredericks' resignation. Edward begins dating a fellow Yale student named Laura, who is hearing impaired. After an announcement that World War II has begun, Laura asks Edward to sleep with her, but panics at the last moment.

In 1940, Edward attends a party and meets Margaret "Clover" Russell, sister of fellow Bonesman John. He is also introduced to General Bill Sullivan, who tells him the US will soon be compelled to enter the war and offers Edward a job in foreign intelligence. Clover, whose father is a Senator and head of the isolationist America First Committee, is attracted to Edward and he eventually succumbs to her advances.

While on a date with Laura at the beach, Edward is approached by John, who tells him Clover is pregnant and insinuates that Edward is obligated to marry her. Laura, reading their lips, walks away. On Edward and Clover's wedding day, he is presented with orders to leave for London. There he is reunited with Dr. Fredericks, in reality a British intelligence operative who had recommended Edward for counter-espionage training. Special Operations Executive Officer Arch Cummings informs Edward that Fredericks' indiscreet liaisons pose a security risk. Fredericks refuses to retire quietly and is killed.

In post-war Berlin, Edward collaborates with Soviet counterpart "Ulysses" in the exchange of captured scientists. During a call home, his son Edward Jr. inadvertently reveals that Clover is having an affair. Edward impulsively sleeps with his office's interpreter Hanna Schiller, but discovers she is a Soviet operative, leading to her murder. In 1946, Edward returns home to a distant Clover, who now goes by her birth name Margaret; they both admit to having had affairs, and she reveals that John was killed in the war. Edward is again approached by General Sullivan, this time to help create the CIA with colleague Richard Hayes, with Phillip Allen as director.

While Edward feels genuine affection for his son, Margaret grows increasingly disenchanted as he continually prioritizes work over family. While monitoring Soviet activity in Central America, Edward receives an agent's severed finger, after the CIA unleashed locusts on a Soviet-fronted coffee company. A high-ranking KGB defector, Valentin Mironov, presents information about "Ulysses" and warns Edward he expects other men claiming to be him to seek asylum. While attending a play with Mironov, Edward encounters Laura. They begin an affair, which ends when Margaret receives compromising photographs of them and publicly berates Edward. Another Soviet defector claims to be the real Mironov, accusing the first defector of being a double-agent named Yuri Modin. Tortured and administered liquid LSD, he ridicules his interrogators before hurling himself out of a window. The first Mironov offers to take LSD to prove his innocence, but Edward declines.

Edward Jr. follows his father's footsteps in attending Yale and joining Skull and Bones. He then expresses interest in working for the CIA, to Edward's surprise. During an argument about this, Edward admits that he does not love Margaret and only married her because she became pregnant. Margaret begs him to protect their son, which he promises to do.

US relations with Cuba worsen as Castro comes to power. During another party, Edward Jr. overhears his father, Hayes, and Allen discussing the upcoming Bay of Pigs invasion. Edward realizes his son has heard and reminds him of the extreme importance to remain silent. Margaret tells Edward she is leaving him.

In 1961, extensive analysis of the tape recording leads CIA analysts to suspect the photograph was taken in Léopoldville. Traveling there himself, Edward finds an apartment being rented by his son and realizes he is the man on the tape. "Ulysses" appears and plays an un-edited recording where Edward Jr. reveals the operation to his lover Miriam, who is a Soviet operative. "Ulysses" offers to protect Edward Jr. if Edward will become a double agent. Edward confronts his son, who refuses to believe Miriam is a spy and has asked her to marry him.

Edward discovers evidence that Mironov really is a double agent, and Arch Cummings his co-conspirator. Cummings flees to Moscow, while "Mironov" is arrested by the FBI and deported to almost certain death. Edward meets with "Ulysses" a final time and declines his offer, but implicitly agrees that Miriam, who has genuinely fallen in love with Edward Jr., is a threat to both sides. While flying from her hometown to the church, Miriam is thrown out of the plane. Edward informs his son of Miriam's death and denies all responsibility, but is shaken to learn Miriam was pregnant.

Edward meets Hayes at the new CIA headquarters, noting the lobby's Biblical inscription: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32)." Philip Allen, whom Murach discovered has been embezzling money for years, is resigning in disgrace, and the President has named Hayes the new Director. Hayes appoints Edward to be the First Head of counter-intelligence.

Edward decides to finally read his father's suicide note, which reveals that Thomas was a traitor as suspected. He begs his family's forgiveness and urges his son to live a life of decency and truth. Edward burns the note. The film ends as Edward prepares to move into his offices in the new counter-intelligence wing.

Cast

Matt Damon as Edward Wilson Sr. He is the film's main character, partly based on James Jesus Angleton and partly on covert operations specialist Richard Bissell. His false identity in Britain was "Mr. Carlson".

Angelina Jolie as Margaret "Clover" Russell Wilson, who shares a name with Allen Dulles' wife

Robert De Niro as General Bill Sullivan, based on William J. Donovan.

Alec Baldwin as FBI Agent Sam Murach

William Hurt as CIA Director Philip Allen, likely based on Allen Dulles

Joe Pesci as Joseph Palmi, based partly on Sam Giancana and Santo Trafficante Jr. The Good Shepherd marked Joe Pesci's return to acting after an eight-year absence from the screen following Lethal Weapon 4.

John Turturro as Ray Brocco, based on Angleton deputy Raymond Rocca

Billy Crudup as Archibald "Arch" Cummings, based on Kim Philby, and named for E.E. Cummings, a real-life confidant of Angleton.

Tammy Blanchard as Laura

Michael Gambon as Dr. Fredericks

Timothy Hutton as Admiral Thomas Wilson, based on James Forrestal.

John Sessions as Valentin Mironov #1 / Yuri Modin, based on Anatoliy Golitsyn, and on Yuri Modin, the 'legman' KGB operative controlling the 'Cambridge Five'.

Keir Dullea as Senator John Russell Sr.

Martina Gedeck as Hanna Schiller

Gabriel Macht as John Russell Jr.

Lee Pace as Deputy Director Richard Hayes, based on Richard Helms

Eddie Redmayne as Older Edward Wilson Jr.

Tommy Nelson as Edward Jr. - Age 6-7

Mark Ivanir as Valentin Mironov #2, based on Yuri Nosenko

Oleg Stefan as Stas Siyanko / Ulysses

Liya Kebede as Miriam

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:M Brazil:14 Canada:14A (Alberta/British Columbia/Manitoba/Ontario) Canada:13+ (Quebec) Denmark:15 Finland:K-15 France:Tous publics Germany:12 Iceland:12 Ireland:15A Italy:T Malaysia:18PL Malaysia:U (DVD) Mexico:B15 Netherlands:16 New Zealand:M Norway:15 Peru:14 Philippines:R-13 (MTRCB) Poland:16 Portugal:M/12 Singapore:M18 South Korea:18 Spain:13 Sweden:15 Switzerland:12 (canton of Geneva) Switzerland:12 (canton of Vaud) Turkey:13+ (DVD rating) United Kingdom:15 United States:TV-14 (DLSV, TV Rating.) United States:R (certificate #43094)

Sex & Nudity

Moderate

Violence & Gore

Moderate

Profanity

Moderate

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking
Mild
Frightening & Intense Scenes
Moderate

