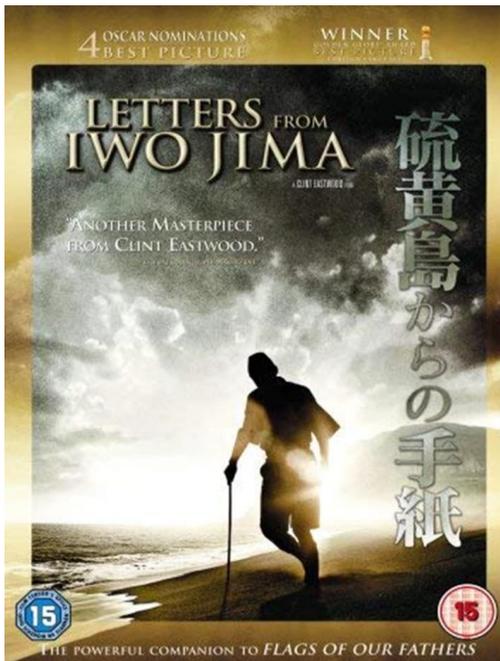


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Title: Letters from Iwo Jima (Clint Eastwood Film)



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Information

Release Title: *Letters from Iwo Jima* 23rd February 2007 (United Kingdom)

Origin: United States.

Release Date: United States 10th December 2006 (New York City Premiere)

Genres: Japanese, War epic, Action, Adventure, Drama, History, War

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Certification: 15

Duration: 2h 21min (141 min)

Region Code: 2

Languages: Japanese, English

Filming locations: Iwo Jima, Japan

Sound mix: DTS, SDDS, Dolby Digital

Camera: Arriflex 235, Panavision C- and E-Series Lenses Panavision Panaflex Millennium XL, Panavision C- and E-Series Lenses Panavision Panaflex Platinum, Panavision C- and E-Series Lenses Sony HVR-Z1U

Laboratory: Technicolour Digital Intermediates, Los Angeles (CA), USA(digital intermediate)Technicolour, Hollywood (CA), USA (colour, prints)

Film Length: 3,706 m3,851 m(Sweden)

Colour: Colour

Aspect ratio: 2.39 : 1

Letters from Iwo Jima



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Clint Eastwood
Screenplay by	Iris Yamashita
Story by	Iris Yamashita Paul Haggis
Based on	Picture <i>Letters from Commander in Chief</i> by Tadamichi Kuribayashi (author) Tsuyuko Yoshida (editor)
Produced by	Clint Eastwood Robert Lorenz Steven Spielberg
Starring	Ken Watanabe Kazunari Ninomiya Tsuyoshi Ihara Ryō Kase Shidō Nakamura
Cinematography	Tom Stern
Edited by	Joel Cox Gary D. Roach
Music by	Kyle Eastwood Michael Stevens
Production companies	DreamWorks Pictures Malpaso Productions Amblin Entertainment
Distributed by	Warner Bros. Pictures
Release dates	December 9, 2006 (Japan) December 20, 2006 (United States)
Running time	140 minutes ^[1]
Country	United States
Languages	Japanese English
Budget	\$19 million ^[2]
Box office	\$68.7 million ^[2]

Storyline – Letters from Iwo Jima – (Clint Eastwood Film)

In 2005, Japanese archaeologists explore tunnels on Iwo Jima, where they find something in the dirt.

In 1944 Iwo Jima, Private First Class Saigo, a conscripted baker who misses his wife and newly born daughter, is digging beach trenches with his platoon when Lieutenant General Tadamichi Kuribayashi arrives to take command of the garrison. He saves Saigo from a beating by Captain Tanida for being "unpatriotic", and orders the garrison to tunnel underground defences throughout the island.

Kuribayashi and Lieutenant Colonel Baron Takeichi Nishi, a famous Olympic gold medallist show jumper, clash with the other officers, who disagree with Kuribayashi's defence in depth strategy. Kuribayashi learns that Japan cannot send reinforcements and thus believes that the tunnels and mountain bunkers stand a better chance of holding out than relying entirely on the beach defences. Poor nutrition and unsanitary conditions take their toll, and many died of dysentery. Replacement troops arrive, including Superior Private Shimizu, whom Saigo suspects is a spy from the Kempeitai sent to report on disloyal soldiers.

Soon, American aircraft and warships bombard the island. A few days later, U.S. Marines land and suffer heavy casualties, but they overcome the beach defences and attack Mount Suribachi. While delivering a message from Captain Tanida to Colonel Adachi, Saigo overhears Kuribayashi's retreat orders over the radio; Adachi instead orders his unit to commit honourable suicide. Many soldiers obey except Saigo and Shimizu, the former of whom convinces the latter to retreat and fight on.

The Mount Suribachi survivors make a run for friendly lines, but Marines ambush and slaughter them. Saigo and Shimizu reach safety but are accused by Lieutenant Ito of cowardice. They are about to be summarily executed when Kuribayashi arrives and confirms his order to retreat. Against Kuribayashi's orders, Ito leads an attack on US positions, and many soldiers are killed. Lt. Col. Nishi reprimands Ito for his insubordination; in response, Ito leaves carrying several land mines and intends to throw himself under a US tank. Shimizu reveals to Saigo that he was dishonourably discharged from the Kempeitai because he disobeyed an order to kill a family's dog. Nishi befriends a wounded Marine and then reads a letter from the Marine's mother after he dies, garnering sympathy from the Japanese soldiers. Nishi is eventually blinded by shrapnel and orders his men to withdraw before committing suicide.

Saigo and Shimizu decide to surrender, but Shimizu and another surrendering soldier are spotted by an officer, who is ordered to shoot potential deserters, before Saigo can join them. Shimizu escapes and is found by a Marine patrol. Shimizu and another Japanese prisoner are then unlawfully executed by one of their guards. Saigo and the remaining soldiers flee to Kuribayashi's position, which is ill-supplied. Saigo befriends Kuribayashi, and a counter-attack is planned. Kuribayashi orders Saigo to stay behind and destroy any vital documents, saving his life for a third time.

That night, Kuribayashi leads a final night attack on a Marine encampment. Most of his men are killed, and Kuribayashi is critically wounded and dragged away by his aide, Lt. Fujita. Meanwhile, Ito has long abandoned his suicidal mission and is captured by Marines. The next morning, Kuribayashi orders Fujita to behead him with his Guntō, but Fujita is shot and killed by a Marine sniper. Saigo arrives, having buried a bag of letters before leaving headquarters. Kuribayashi asks Saigo to bury him where he will not be found, then draws his pistol — a M1911 gifted to him in the US before the war — and commits suicide. Saigo dutifully buries him.

Later, a Marine platoon finds Fujita's body. Saigo reappears and attacks them, infuriated to see an American has taken Kuribayashi's pistol. Saigo is subdued and taken to the beach to recover alongside wounded Marines. Awakening on a stretcher, he glimpses the setting sun and smiles.

Returning to 2005, the archaeologists complete their digging and reveal the bag of letters that Saigo buried. As the letters spill out from the opened bag, the voices of the Japanese soldiers who wrote them are heard. [Wiki](#)

The island of Iwo Jima stands between the American military force and the home islands of Japan. Therefore, the Imperial Japanese Army is desperate to prevent it from falling into American hands and providing a launching point for an invasion of Japan. General Tadamichi Kuribayashi (Ken Watanabe) is given command of the forces on the island and sets out to prepare for the imminent attack. General Kuribayashi, however, does not favour the rigid traditional approach recommended by his subordinates, and resentment and resistance fester amongst his staff. In the lower echelons, a young soldier, Saigo (Kazunari Ninomiya), a poor baker in civilian life, strives with his friends to survive the harsh regime of the Japanese Army itself, all the while knowing that a fierce battle looms. When the American invasion begins, Kuribayashi and Saigo find strength, honour, courage, and horrors beyond imagination. - Jim Beaver.... [IMDb](#)

Cast

Ken Watanabe as General Tadamichi Kuribayashi
Kazunari Ninomiya as Private First Class Saigo
Tsuyoshi Ihara as Lieutenant Colonel Baron Takeichi Nishi
Ryō Kase as Superior Private Shimizu
Shidō Nakamura as Lieutenant Ito
Hiroschi Watanabe as Lieutenant Fujita
Takumi Bando [ja] as Captain Tanida
Yuki Matsuzaki as Private First Class Nozaki
Takashi Yamaguchi as Private First Class Kashiwara
Eijiro Ozaki as Lieutenant Okubo

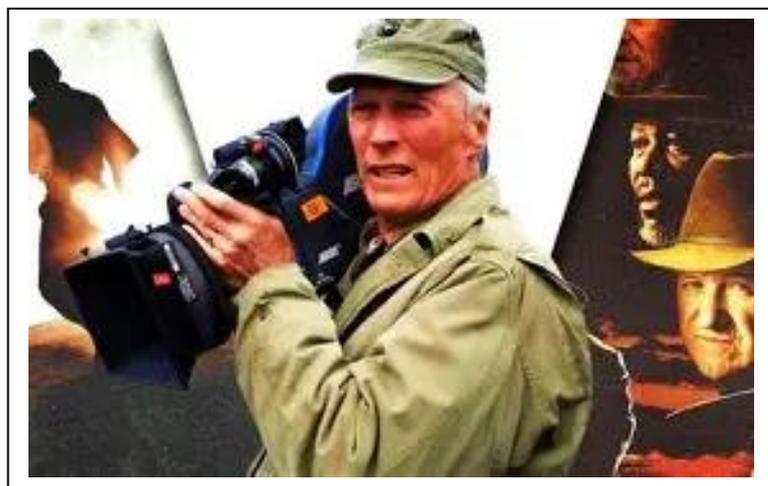
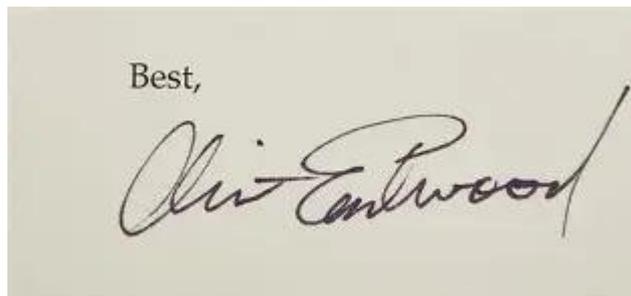
Alan Sato as Sergeant Ondo
Nae Yuuki [ja] as Hanako, Saigo's wife (in a flashback)
Nobumasa Sakagami as Admiral Ohsugi
Masashi Nagadoi [ja] as Admiral Ichimaru
Akiko Shima as lead woman (in a flashback)
Luke Eberl as Sam, wounded U.S. Marine (credited as Lucas Elliot)
Jeremy Glazer as U.S. Marine Lieutenant
Ikuma Ando as Ozawa
Mark Moses as U.S. Army officer (in a flashback)
Roxanne Hart as U.S. Army officer's wife
Evan Ellingson as Kid Marine

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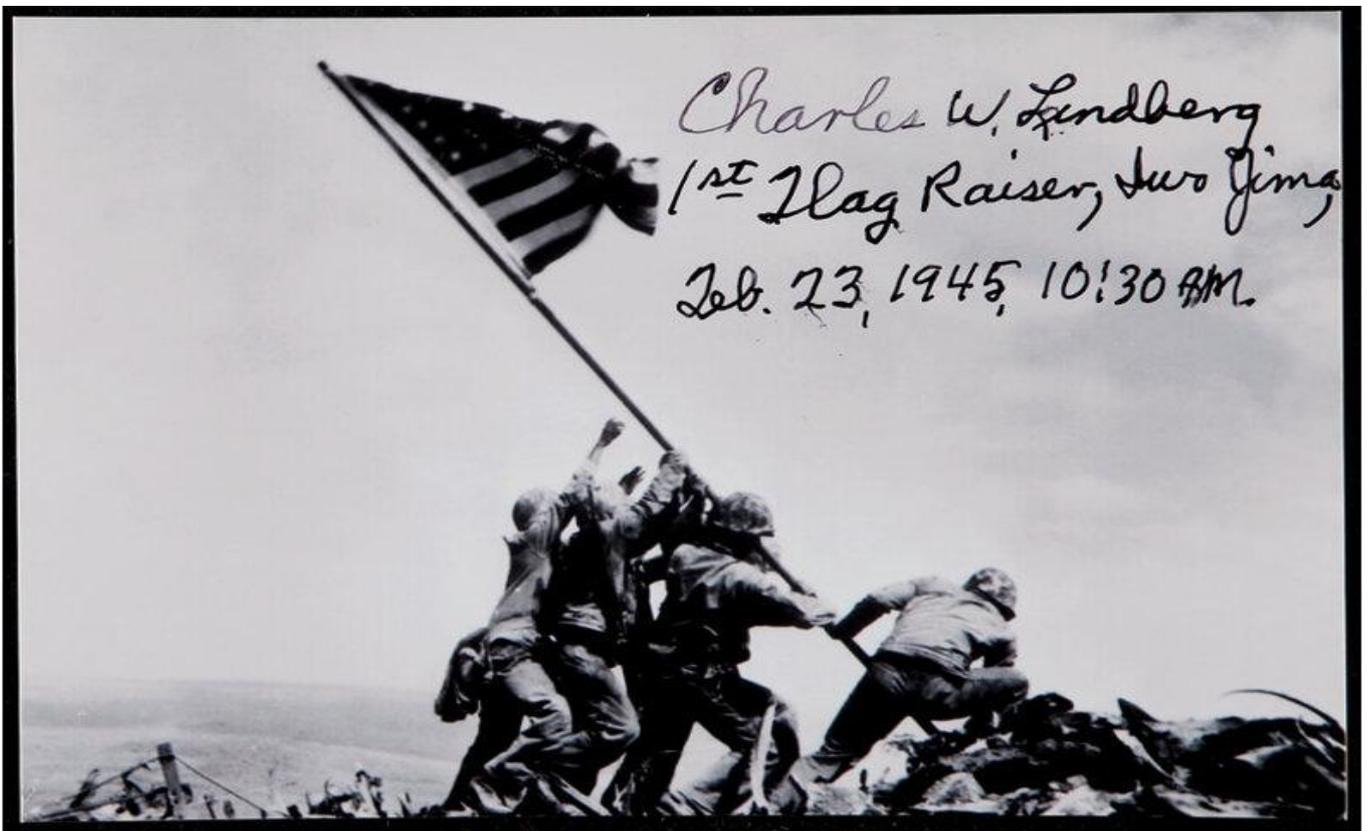
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Sex & Nudity – None Violence & Gore – **Severe** Profanity – Mild Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking – Mild, Frightening & Intense Scenes – Moderate



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