



Paths of Glory

Directed by Stanley Kubrick

Review by Miles



Drama, War

Rated R

What originally made you interested in reading/watching/playing this media? How did you hear about it or come across it?

I found this film by looking through Kubrick's filmography, as I liked his other works. The era and subject matter interested me as well.

Is it part of a series? If so, what series is it?

No

What is this media about? Make sure to give enough interesting details without spoiling too much!

This film takes place on the French frontlines in WWI. The Allied forces fail at an offensive and three scapegoats are selected to be executed. It is up to Colonel Dax to defend these men during their court-martial.

Who are the main characters? What makes them interesting or unique?

Colonel Dax is an interesting character because he has to choose whether or not to defend his men and go against the general. He must walk a fine line of trying to save the men while following protocol. Amidst the assault, the general commands his men to open fire on their own allies to force them out of the trenches. He is criticized for this decision and disobeyed, leading to him trying to cover this up while limiting damage.

Does this media remind you of anything else you've read/watched/played?

This film reminds me of All Quiet on the Western Front (2022), another Anti-war film that takes place in WWI. This film also shows the brutality of war and the kafkaesque beaurocracy present in the war.

What type of person might enjoy this media? For example, this book is for someone who likes Percy Jackson, someone who enjoys getting scared, someone who likes a challenge, etc.

Anyone intereseted in war would certainly like this film.

Did you like this media? Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?

This film was exceptional and I would absolutely recommend it to others. At first glance, it would seem like this film would be depressing and focussed on the violence of war, but instead it is much more focussed on the bearocratic side of war with a lengthy courtroom scene.

Do you like the cover? Does it convey what the media is about?

The cover is very good, it depicts Colonel Dax just outside his trench, marching his men forward into no-man's-land.