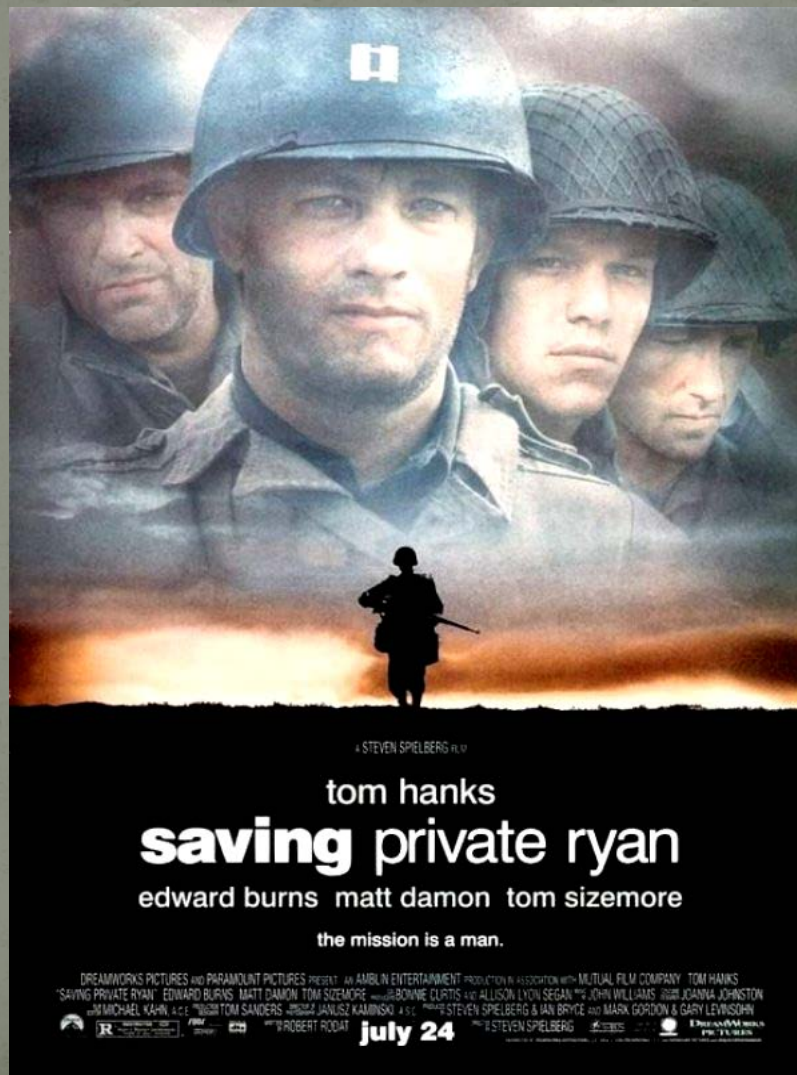


Saving Private Ryan (1998): Intro



A STEVEN SPIELBERG FILM

tom hanks

saving private ryan

edward burns matt damon tom sizemore

the mission is a man.

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A squad of soldiers is sent to find a missing paratrooper.



Origins

Many of Steven Spielberg's films have WWII settings.



Spielberg's father Arnold was a WWII vet.



Some of Steve's early 8mm films have a WWII theme.

Spielberg, the Arizona kid



He made Escape To Nowhere in his teens.



The Story

Screenwriter Robert Rodat (The Patriot) came up with the story.

He based the script on the Niland Brothers, four brothers presumed KIA (only two were).



Unlike the movie, no rescue mission was launched to find the missing Niland.



Frederick
Niland,
presumed KIA,
actually
escaped from a
POW camp.

But Rodat and Spielberg figured, “What if...?”



Even though the story's fictional, Spielberg wanted the film to look and 'feel' real.

The actors were actually trained as soldiers by _____ Dale Dye (Ret.)

The training was rough.



After a brief prologue, the film opens with a depiction of D-Day (June 6, 1944).

Spielberg based the look of the battle on documentary photos.



Hand-held cameras were used for a You-Are-There feel.



The battle scenes are brutally realistic.

Spielberg restaged the battle on location in Ireland.

The details are carefully recreated.



The Actors: Tom Hanks as Capt. Miller



In Support

**Tom Sizemore as Sgt.
Horvath**



**Edward Burns is Pvt.
Rieben, the complainer**



Adam Goldberg as Pvt.
Mellish



Barry Pepper as Pvt.
Jackson, The Sniper



**Giovanni Ribisi as Medic
Irwin Wade**



**Jeremy Davies as Cpl.
Timothy Upham, the
Translator**



Vin Diesel as Pvt. Adrian Carpazo



Paul Giamatti has a
small part as Sgt. Hill



Matt
Damon as
Pvt. James
Ryan, just
before
Good
Will
Hunting
hit.



Warning: the film is *very* violent.



It's also one of the best films you're likely to see...ever.



Saving Private Ryan is next.

