Black Hawk Down (2001) - IMDb

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Tom Sizemore ... McKnight
Eric Bana ... Hoot
William Fichtner ... Sanderson
Ewen Bremner ... Nelson
Sam Shepard ... Garrison
Gabriel Casseus ... Kurth
Kim Coates ... Wax
Hugh Dancy ... Schmid
Ron Eldard ... Durant
Ioan Gruffudd ... Beales
Tom Guiry ... Yurek (as Thomas Guiry)
Charlie Hofheimer ... Smith
Danny Hoch ... Pilla

Storyline
Action/war drama based on the best-selling book detailing a near-disastrous mission in Somalia on October 3, 1993. On this date nearly 100 U.S. Army Rangers, commanded by Capt. Mike Steele, were dropped by helicopter deep into the capital city of Mogadishu to capture two top lieutenants of a Somali warlord. This lead to a large and drawn-out firefight between the Rangers and hundreds of Somali gunmen, leading to the destruction of two U.S. Black Hawk helicopters. This film focuses on the heroic efforts of various Rangers to get to the downed black hawks, centering on Sgt. Eversmann, leading the Ranger unit Chalk Four to the first black hawk crash site, Warrant Officer Durant who was captured after being the only survivor of the second black hawk crash, as well as many others who were involved. Written by Matthew Patay: revised by Brady Schloz

Plot Synopsis

Plot Keywords: somali | helicopter | somalia | warlord | u.s. army | See more »

Taglines: Rangers Lead the Way. See more »

Genres: Drama | History | War

Motion Picture Rating (MPAA)
Rated R for intense, realistic, graphic war violence, and for language | See all certifications »

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Details
Official Sites: Official Facebook | Official site
Country: USA | UK
Language: English | Somali
Release Date: 18 January 2002 (USA) See more »
Also Known As: La caída del halcón negro See more »
Filming Locations: Kénitra Airbase, Morocco See more »
Box Office
Budget: $92,000,000 (estimated)
Opening Weekend: $976,530 (Germany) (11 October 2002)
Gross: $976,530 (Germany) (11 October 2002)
See more »

Company Credits
Production Co: Revolution Studios, Jerry Bruckheimer Films, Scott Free Productions See more »
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Technical Specs
Runtime: 144 min | 152 min (extended)
Sound Mix: DTS | Dolby Digital | SDDS (8 channels)
Color: Color (Technicolor)
Aspect Ratio: 2.35 : 1
See full technical specs »

Did You Know?
Triva
Brendan Sexton III (Kowalewski) was unhappy working on the film because it conflicted with his leftist views on U.S. foreign policy in general and specifically with regard to U.S. actions in Somalia (both before and during the 1992-93 peacekeeping operations there). He told Salon.com after the film opened that he and another actor improvised a scene with anti-imperialist materials, but it was all cut from the film before it was released. See more »

Goofs
When Sgt. Sanderson was lying prone and ordering one of his Delta soldiers to draw fire from some Somalis on a vehicle, he was waving his left arm. But when the camera switches to behind him, he is waving his right arm. See more »

Quotes
[first lines]
Dan Busch: There. Technicals, nine o'clock.
See more »

Crazy Credits
There are no studio logos at the beginning and the only opening credit is the title.
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Connections
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Soundtracks
Dhibic Roob
Written and Performed by Omar Sharif
See more »

Frequently Asked Questions
Q: What are the differences between the Theatrical version and the Extended version of the movie?

Q: Did Black Hawk Down Really happen?

Q: According to the clock shown in the movie, when the convoy finally arrives to pick everyone up at about 2 AM, it takes them almost 4 hours to leave, until about 5:45 AM. Why?

See more (Spoiler Alert!) »

User Reviews
An unashamed propaganda piece
10 August 2009 | by avalian1 (United States) – See all my reviews

I read Bowden's book by the same title. All of those who claim that this movie follows the book closely clearly lack in reading comprehension. The book took a balanced approach to the conflict. We learn about the events leading up to the Battle of Mogadishu. Bowden interviews both Somalis and US soldiers and we learn about their motivations.
In the Scott's work all of the characters are flat. They're cookie-cutter "American heroes" who are completely indistinguishable from one another. The Somalis are depicted as crazed hordes who are inexplicably hell-bent on US blood.

I could go on, but the opening "background" text says enough. It suggests that US soldiers were merely there on a humanitarian mission to rescue the population from a genocidal warlord. What they don't tell you is that shortly before the events in BHD, the Habr Gedir clan elders had met to discuss the peace proposal put forth by Admiral Howe the previous day. Due to lack of intelligence Cobra helicopters armed with TOW missiles attacked massacred 54 people. With this act they succeeded in making enemies of the entire Somali people. Note that military advisers were with the film crew and able to veto every decision.

Read Bowden's book or google the Battle of Mogadishu for more. Propaganda that is thinly dressed as entertainment gets 0 stars from me. The only difference between this and old Soviet propaganda is production value.

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