H3680  HERO (USA, 1992)
(Other titles: Accidental hero; Eroe per caso; Hero and a half)

Credits: director, Stephen Frears ; writer, David Webb Peoples.
Cast: Dustin Hoffman, Geena Davis, Andy Garcia, Joan Cusack.
Summary: Comedy/melodrama set in contemporary Chicago. Ace television reporter Gale Gayley (Davis) literally falls into the story of a lifetime when she's a passenger on an airplane that crashes into a Chicago bridge. In the smoke and darkness, she's saved by a rude, foul-mouthed 'hero,' who promptly disappears into the night leaving only his shoe behind. The rescuer is Bernie LaPlante (Hoffman) a small time Chicago thief. Gayley's station offers a million dollar reward for an interview with the rescuer, but Bernie is arrested for selling stolen credits cards before he can come forward. Meanwhile, John Bubber (Garcia) a homeless Vietnam veteran who gave Bernie a ride after the accident claims the reward. Bubber is lionized for his actions, but his conscience tortures him for the lie and he climbs out on a high ledge and contemplates suicide. Bernie talks him off the ledge with a deal, Bernie will get a share of the million but stay in the background and Bubber will remain a 'hero.'

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