**CREDITS:** director, Rod Lurie; writers, David Scarpa, Graham Yost.

**CAST:** Robert Redford, James Gandolfini, Mark Ruffalo

**SUMMARY:** Prison melodrama set in the contemporary U.S. General Irwin (Redford) is a respected three-star tactician, a Vietnam veteran and ex-prisoner of war, whose career ends in disgrace when he is court-martialed and sent to a maximum security military prison, The Castle. Irwin quickly butts heads with the facility’s autocratic warden, Colonel Winter (Gandolfini). Winter has never been in combat, but he runs his command with an iron fist, even killing prisoners when he deems it necessary. Irwin rallies his fellow convicts into a rag-tag army and leads them in a revolt against Winter for violating Army regulations in his treatment of prisoners, an action that the warden is ready to repel by violent means.

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