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Credits: director, Mario Van Peebles ; writer, Melvin Van Peebles.
Cast: Kadeem Hardison, Bokeem Woodbine, Joe Don Baker, Courtney B. Vance.
Summary: Melodrama set in Oakland and elsewhere in California in the late 1960s. The story of the rise of the Black Panthers led by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale in response to local police oppression of African Americans. To the people, they are heroes, but to J. Edgar Hoover’s FBI they are Public Enemy Number One. The Feds will do everything they can--on the right or wrong side of the law--to bring them down. Along the way they ally themselves with the anti-Vietnam War movement.

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