

Hard Target: An Exciting and Action-Packed Thriller Film

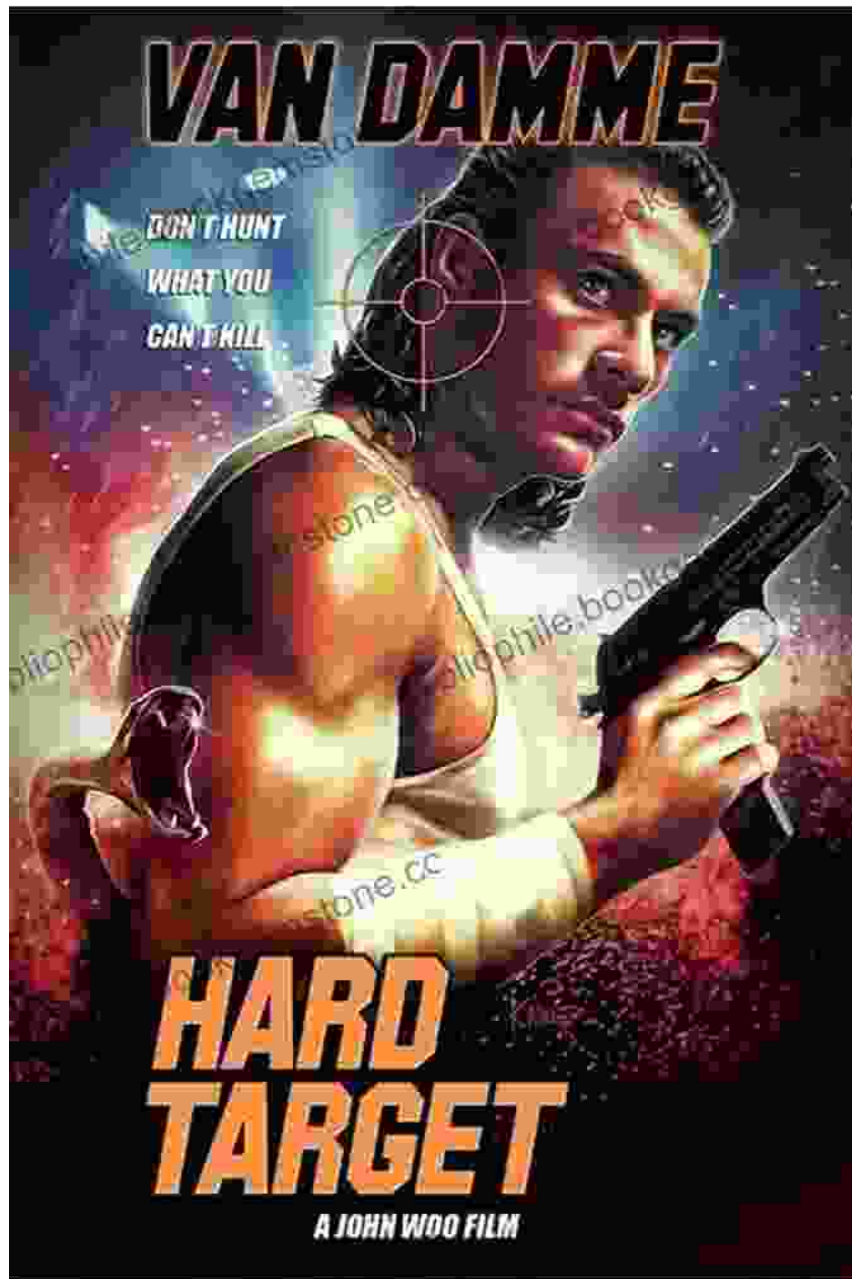


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Hard Target is a 1993 American action thriller film directed by John Woo and starring Jean-Claude Van Damme, Lance Henriksen, and Arnold Vosloo. The film follows a homeless man who becomes the target of a group of professional assassins after he witnesses a murder.

The film was a critical and commercial success, grossing over \$74 million worldwide. It was praised for its action sequences, which were

choreographed by Woo, and for Van Damme's performance. Hard Target is considered to be one of the best action films of the 1990s.

Plot

Hard Target tells the story of Chance Boudreaux (Van Damme), a homeless man who witnesses a murder committed by Emile Fouchon (Vosloo), a wealthy businessman. Fouchon and his associates are running a game in which they hunt homeless people for sport. When Chance witnesses Fouchon kill one of his victims, he becomes the next target.

Chance is pursued by Fouchon's team of assassins, led by the ruthless mercenary, Van Cleaf (Henriksen). Chance is able to outwit his pursuers and even kill some of them. However, Van Cleaf is a formidable opponent and Chance is eventually captured.

Fouchon offers Chance a chance to join his team of assassins. Chance refuses and is tortured by Fouchon. However, Chance is able to escape and he eventually confronts Fouchon in a final showdown.

Cast

- Jean-Claude Van Damme as Chance Boudreaux
- Lance Henriksen as Van Cleaf
- Arnold Vosloo as Emile Fouchon
- Kasi Lemmons as Marie
- Elliott Keener as Max
- Wilford Brimley as Uncle Douvee

Critical Reception

Hard Target received mixed reviews from critics. Some praised the film's action sequences and Van Damme's performance, while others criticized the film's violence and lack of originality.

Roger Ebert of the Chicago Sun-Times gave the film two stars out of four and wrote, "Hard Target is a relentlessly violent and unpleasant film that is not for the squeamish." However, he also praised Van Damme's performance, writing, "Van Damme is a charismatic and believable action star, and he gives the film a much-needed dose of energy."

The film has a 39% rating on Rotten Tomatoes, based on 49 reviews. The site's consensus reads, "Hard Target is a competently made action thriller that is ultimately let down by its excessive violence and lack of originality."

Despite the mixed reviews, Hard Target was a commercial success, grossing over \$74 million worldwide. The film was a hit on home video and it has become a cult classic among action film fans.

Legacy

Hard Target is considered to be one of the best action films of the 1990s. The film's action sequences are still considered to be some of the best in the genre. Van Damme's performance is also considered to be one of his best.

Hard Target has been parodied and referenced in numerous other films and television shows. The film's title has also been used as the name of a video game and a comic book series.

Hard Target is an exciting and action-packed thriller film that is sure to please fans of the genre. The film features impressive action sequences, a charismatic performance from Jean-Claude Van Damme, and a villain who is both ruthless and intelligent. Hard Target is a film that will keep you on the edge of your seat from beginning to end.



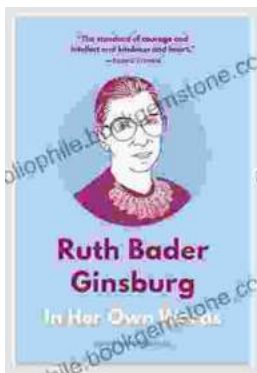
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