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 movies
'The Hill' a study in cruelty

By Jack Donofrio

'The Hill' is a story set in war, but it is not a war story. It is a drama of man's latent cruelty, brought out in military concentration. The setting is a British prison camp during the war. The inmates are British soldiers who have committed crimes. The most prominent inmate in the camp is a huge man, made of dirt and stone. The opening scene shows prison- ers working on this hill, and one passes out of exhaustion. We learn that Major Appleby had this hill built by the prisoners and uses it as a means of discipline. Major Appleby's philosophy is that men can only be made into good soldiers by means of strict discipline. On the other hand, Sergeant Williams, his assistant, punishes the prisoners for pleasure.

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The character portrayal in this movie is excellent. The characters are quite human, and the interactions with each other and their relationships with the animals are well portrayed. The story itself is based on a real-life event, and the film captures the intensity of the situation. The film is a powerful reminder of the importance of treating animals with kindness and respect. Overall, it is a must-watch for animal lovers and anyone interested in the lives of animals.