

# Man Battles Sea in Near-Perfect 'Storm'

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With a dazzling array of visual effects that sufficiently mask the film's few problems, "The Perfect Storm," the latest from director Wolfgang Petersen ("Air Force One"), is a nail-biting film that will make you think twice before ever becoming a fisherman.

"Storm" is based on the true story from Sebastian Junger's fantastic book about the rare set of weather events in 1991 that spawned the fiercest storm in history in the Northeast Atlantic on an October night.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

"The Perfect Storm"



"Storm" takes place in Gloucester, Massachusetts, a small-town which revolves around its swordfishing industry. Captained by Billy Tyne (George Clooney of "Three Kings"), the boat called the Andrea Gail, after a run of small catches, finds itself in the middle of a storm that tests every member on the six-man crew in a fight for survival.

Petersen must have had some extremely large cajones to take the task of making a water-based film after the notorious film-making problems of "Titanic" and "Waterworld." His efforts pay off ten-fold as he ends up making a rare type of true-story film. "Storm" mirrors the events rather faithfully and comes out being as thrilling as any fictional film in the theaters this year.

The visual effects that create the powerful storm, which are seamless rather than blatantly obvious, practically take films like "Twister" out to lunch in terms of believability. Petersen makes the sea a main player in the film, giving



The fishing boat *Andrea Gail* faces some rough seas caused by unusual forces of nature in the new drama "The Perfect Storm." The movie is based on a true story and stars George Clooney and Mark Wahlberg.

it personality and a constantly changing mood which gives the setting substance.

Clooney, with his gruff face and macho sensibility, does admirably at playing a fisherman who is on the brink of being a failure in his craft. Mark Wahlberg, who last worked with Clooney in "Kings," successfully nails his native Boston accent but seems at times to be too pretty to fish.

The only problem with the otherwise near-perfect film is that screenwriter Bill Witliff ("Legends of the Fall") provides a backstory of another troublesome boat which could have been left out completely. These extra fifteen minutes would have made the film flow more smoothly or provided more backstory to the Andrea Gail members.

So, if you are looking for a film that keeps you gripping to your seat for the final 90 minutes while giving you an informative history lesson, this "Storm"

is one that is worth braving.

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Busta Rhymes slams out another CD full of jams just in time for summer. The album also showcases many high-profile guest appearances.

## Busta Rhymes Dishes Out Hot Summer Jams

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It's summer time, boys and girls. And in case the cut-off shorts and wife-beaters didn't give it away, check your radio for a musical reminder. Somewhere on the dial, you're sure to find the unmistakable voice of Busta Rhymes blaring forth.

Since his double platinum solo debut in 1996, Busta Rhymes has been churning out summer jams faster than you can say "Gimme Some More."

This summer is no exception. Incorporating a sample from "The Ugly Duckling," as well as cute kids in the video, the playful "Get Out!!" has blazed up the charts and is in heavy rotation on the radio and MTV.

"Anarchy" continues the apocalyptic theme employed for his previous releases - "The Coming," "When Disaster Strikes" and "E.L.E." - is probably the most appropriately-titled CD since Biggie's "Life After Death."

Eight of the album's first ten tracks are so poorly conceived and executed that, had these songs been on his demo tape, Busta Rhymes would still be with

Leaders of the New School. Most of the beats and lyrics are identical to those from his preceding albums - just much worse.

On "Live It Up," Busta tries to deliver "the kind of sh\*t that makes you just go get the keys to your whip and just bounce." But with a hackneyed beat and sing-song chorus, the only thing likely to be bouncing is the tape - right into the used CD bin. However, the remainder of this 22-track epic proves rewarding.

Much of the credit for the save belongs to the guest appearance. On five of the last ten songs, Busta teams up with an impressive array of artists, including Lenny Kravitz, M.O.P. and his own Flipmode Squad.

Even though the duets are impressive, the most outstanding efforts on the album - "A Trip Out of Town" and "Street Sh\*t" - contain three idiosyncratic verses from Mr. Rhymes. The first is an intricate narrative woven over a smooth violin loop. The second isn't as technically notable, but features some of the album's best lines.

But in the end, enjoying the latest installment in the Busta collection requires more skipping than hopscotch. Were it shorter, this might have been a memorable album. This, however, is just "Anarchy."

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