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SIR MILES





By Jacqueline R. Walker A MARIO VAN PEEBLES FILM STARRING MARIO VAN PEEBLES, BILLY ZANE, STEPHEN BALDWIN, BIG DADDY KANE, BLARI UNDERWOOD, TONE LOC, TINY LISER, CHARLES LANE

Shoot-em-up, shoot-em-up, it's the POSSE, fast paced action western where the good guys don't wear white hats.

POSSE is a story of the old West right after the Civil War. Afro-Americans started to migrate to the West and set up townships. Jesse's (Mario Van Peebles) choice was to fight in Cuba or be executed for revenging his father's death. The Colonel (Billy Zane) is enemies of Jesse (Van

Peebles), chasing him and his

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men across the West after setting them up, leading to an action adventure.

Mario Van Peebles, in this film, used rappers. Big Daddy Kane and Tone Loc, in their debut film, as he did Ice T and Christopher Williams in New jack City. Van Peebles shows an excellent eye for talent. The chronicling adventures of black cowboys in the West is historically correct, giving us a lesson in African-American history. Van Peebles follows in his father's footsteps as an innovator in filmmaking.

RECOMMENDATION: For a chronological of Afro-American history after the Civil War, this

film is a must see. Violence, explicit language, sexuality. To be viewed with parents if children are under sixteen. Also starring Melvin Van Peebles, Pam Grier, Nipsey Russell and Isaac Hayes. WILL BE IN YOUR NEAREST VIDEO STORE ON OCT. 27, 1993.

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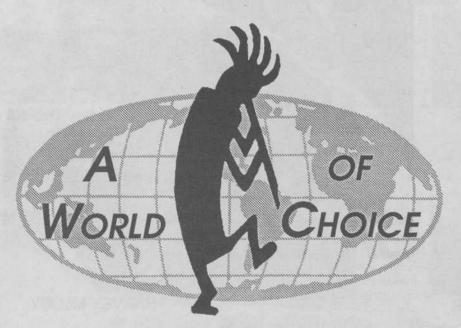
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