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## Audience feedback: A War

38 people voted. The breakdown and comments are listed below.

### 'Excellent': 12 votes

- This must be the most realistic portrayal of what the soldiers go through.
- A very thought-provoking film depicting a real moral dilemma.
- Armadillo plus – excellent films of Danes at war – a thoughtful consideration of the moral cost of waging war at the frontiers of western civilisation.
- Wow! Fabulous
- Brilliant handling of a complex, general truth which really needs to be understood by those of us normally oblivious to what war is like for those fighting.
- A difficult film to watch this week [after Manchester], but asking essential questions.
- Felt only too real – especially the war scenes. Very moving – war is never pretty or fair.
- Gripping, realistic, outstanding.
- Confused, perplexing but brilliantly acted –  
Oh dear – WAR!
- Powerful examination of the issues that exist in war – very well acted and depicted.

### 'Very Good': 25 votes

- Very topical, in light of Alexander Blackman (Marine A)'s recent release from prison. However, I would have liked to have seen more depth in the courtroom scenes.
- Thank you for showing this; very moving. Compulsory viewing for all politicians, especially John Read who said the UK troops in Afghanistan would have 'A walk in the Park'. They should know that sending troops in a country that isn't threatening theirs always means that Human Rights are going to be lost on all sides.
- Brilliant portrayal of how one is sentenced for life, despite being acquitted[?]
- Absorbing
- Excellent portrayal of theatre of war and dilemmas faced. Very tense.
- Excellent storyline, illustrating the impossible job we ask our military personnel to do. Great acting & camera work, maintained the tension.
- Comprehensive coverage of the ethics involved in waging war.
- So what would you have done? Accurate in that every move is recorded in Army life & the intensity of relationships in a unit are paramount.
- How can we, as civilians, judge what our troops do, or, to put it another way, war is a dirty business and we cannot judge them by our standards.
- Posed so many ethical questions. How hard to make the right decisions under fire.

- A time to remember we're not the only ones out there fighting terrorists. Stockholm bore witness to it recently.
- Thought provoking. A film of two halves. Preferred the courtroom aspect, as the war was half was too realistic.
- Engrossing & tense study of War, Duty & Honour
- Powerful & disturbing. Seems a most realistic portrait of war and its moral dilemmas but fails to recognise all human life is of equal value!
- Thought provoking.  
Difficult subject. No easy right or wrong.
- With its focus on the effects of war on the family back home, this was a very unusual war film, though the short, shocking action sequences were also very well done.
- Great semi-documentary style, hand held camera worked so well. Modern warfare and its consequences without the (Hurt Locker) Hollywood razzmatazz.
- War's a bloody business, indeed! This work of 'fiction' illustrates this better than any 'history' book or 'documentary'!
- War?
- A well-made, thoughtful film

**'Good':** 0 votes

**'Satisfactory':** 0 votes

**'Poor':** 0 votes

**1 comment submitted without a vote:**

- Please don't put us through a movie like that again.

Based on the above, the film had an overall score of 4.324.