

Short Review: "Firefox" (1982) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Firefox (1982), Warner Brothers, color, 136 min. Director: Clint Eastwood. Writers: Craig Thomas (novel), Alex Lasker, etc., 136 min. Producer: Clint Eastwood. Cast: Clint Eastwood, Freddie Jones, David Huffman, and Dimitra Arliss.

Mitchell Gant (Eastwood), an ex-Vietnam fighter jockey with his own problems, happens to be the only hot pilot in the Western world who can fit into the flight suit necessary to pilot the top secret Soviet *Firefox* fighter plane. *Firefox* is the fastest plane in the air, undetectable on radar and uses a thought control weapons system. Gant agrees to enter the U.S.S.R. to steal *Firefox* with the help of the Russian underground. He sees bloodshed as he is smuggled through the U.S.S.R., takes off with the plane and is chased by another *Firefox* and everything in the Soviet air defense system. A wonderful mix of character study, espionage, action and science fiction.

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