IN COLD BLOOD (1967) 134 min.
Directed, produced and written by Richard Brooks
Based on the novel by Truman Capote
Original Music by Quincy Jones
Cinematography by Conrad L. Hall
Alvin Dewey....technical advisor
Robert Blake....Perry Smith
Scott Wilson....Richard Hickock
John Forsythe....Alvin Dewey
Paul Stewart....Jensen
Gerald S. O'Loughlin....Harold Nye
Jeff Corey....Mr. Hickock
John Gallaudet....Roy Church
James Flavin....Clarence Duntz
John Collins...Judge Roland Tate
Charles McGraw....Tex Smith
Will Geer....Prosecutor
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JOHN FORSYTHE (29 January 1918, Penn’s Grove, NJ) has acted in 98 films and television programs. He is best known as Blake Carrington in “Dynasty” and the disembodied voice in the “Charlie’s Angels” television series (1979-80) and film (2003).

American director, scenarist, and producer, was born in Philadelphia, the son of an insurance agent. He was educated at Philadelphia public schools and Temple University, envisaging a career in journalism. Such jobs were hard to come by in the Depression, when Brooks graduated, and it seemed to him that he might as well take a look at the country. He went to Pittsburgh, Kansas City, New Orleans, and Texas, living for a time in each place, and eking out his meager savings by writing on space rates
Returning home after this American walkabout, Brooks found a job as a sportswriter with the Philadelphia Record. After two years there he joined the Atlantic City Press Union, then moved on to New York to take up a post with the World Telegram. Before he reported for work he landed a better-paying job with Radio WNEW, New York, editing four news broadcasts a day and writing one. This led after a year and a half to an appointment as newswriter, commentator, and announcer with NBC, where he remained until 1940.

Brooks was already attracted to the idea of directing, and in 1940 he and his friend David Loew, later a well-known producer, launched the Mill Pond Theatre in Roslyn, New York, taking turns directing the plays they staged that summer. In October of that same year Brooks went to California on vacation and wound up in Hollywood—not as a filmmaker but as a writer for a local radio station. For a year he wrote a short story almost every day and read it over the air. At length, finding that he was beginning to repeat himself, he decided to try his hand as a screenwriter. In 1942 he provided additional dialogue for a Jon Hall drama called White Savage but this failed to ring any bells (let alone open any doors) and Brooks returned to radio writing—including some parts for Orson Welles—until the spring of 1943, when he joined the US Marine Corps.

During his three years in the Marines, Brooks wrote his first novel, The Brick Foxhole (1945), a tough thriller in which a group of bored and frustrated enlisted men, away from combat, become involved in the murder of a homosexual. Since homosexuality was not then an acceptable Hollywood theme, the story was transformed by scenarist John Paxton into a study of homosexuality was not then an acceptable Hollywood theme, the story was transformed by scenarist John Paxton into a study of anti-Semitism in the armed forces and filmed by Edward Dmytryk as Crossfire (1947), one of the first American dramas about prejudice, and a very powerful and intelligent one.

Brooks had not abandoned his ambition to write for the movies themselves. While still in the Marines he contributed to the scripts of Anthony Mann’s My Best Gal (1944) and Robert Siodmak’s Cobra Woman (1945), and after the war he began to emerge as one of Hollywood’s best realist writers, scripting Jules Dassin’s Brute Force (1947) and working on the stories of Robert Siodmak’s The Killers (1946) and Dassin’s Naked City (1948). All three were produced by Mark Hellinger, whom Brooks admired and who provided the model for the hero of Brooks’ 1951 novel, The Producer. Other scripts that he wrote or co-authored at this time included Frank Tuttle’s Swell Guy (1947), Delmer Daves’ To the Victor (1948), Mervyn LeRoy’s Any Number Can Play (1949), John Sturges’ Mystery Street (1950), and Stuart Heisler’s Storm Warning (1950).

Brooks’ first film as a director was Crisis (MGM, 1950), adapted by the director from a George Tabori story. It deals with a famous brain surgeon (Cary Grant) who is kidnapped to an imaginary Latin American country to operate on its dying dictator. Gavin Lambert called it “predominantly a writer’s film: its principal strength resides in the dialogue.” Though Brooks “has composed a shrewd and persuasive picture of a minor fascist state on the brink of civil war...The main emphasis is on the prolonged duel between the surgeon and the dictator: between the humane, civilized liberal and the savage authoritarian. These are portraits of an incisiveness and density rare in the cinema, and the actors, Cary Grant and José Ferrer realise them perfectly...The film as a whole is original, arresting and considered—and so far probably the most striking example of Dore Schary’s policy at MGM of encouraging the development of new talents.”

After this promising beginning came a turgid comedy about skullduggery in the art world, inappropriately called The Light Touch (MGM, 1951), and then Deadline USA (1952), made for 20th Century-Fox. The latter has Humphrey Bogart as a crusading newspaper editor who struggles to expose a powerful racketeer (Martin Gabel) and at the same time prevent his publishing heirs from selling the paper to a rival, who will close it down. Cheered on by the publisher’s tough old widow (Ethel Barrymore), Bogart gets the story out—the fate of the newspaper is no resolved. Kim Hunter plays the ex-wife that the hero still pines for. Most critics found Deadline USA a strong and exciting drama, unusually authentic in its portrayal of the newspaper background but somewhat marred by preaching about the importance of a free and independent press.

Back at MGM where he remained for the next ten years, Brooks found himself bogged down for a time in a series of glib and synthetic studio assignments. . . .

Brooks’ first real success was The Blackboard Jungle (1955), which he adapted from Evan Hunter’s novel about a schoolteacher, Richard Dadier (Glenn Ford), in a New York slum and his struggle to communicate with his hostile pupils (and indeed to survive). It shocked contemporary audiences with its revelations of teenage violence, sexuality, and racial antagonism, and was widely discussed. It was this film that established Sidney Poitier as a major new screen personality, and Bill Haley’s “Rock Around the Clock,” played over the credits, virtually introduced rock ’n roll to the screen. . . .

An interesting ecological Western followed, The Last Hunt (1955), again with a Brooks script (from the novel by Milton Loft)...Some critics regard this as one of Brooks’ finest films, but the scenes of slaughter (filmed during the annual cull of the surviving buffalo herds) were too “authentically gory” for public acceptance. Brooks says that “the intention of the film was to make the public so sick [of hunting] that they would say that it was a crime. But they got so sick they never went to see the picture. It was a financial disaster.”

In a startling display of versatility, Brooks then switched from the endless plains and elemental emotions of The Last Hunt to an almost Dickensian portrait of contemporary family life in the Bronx. In A Catered Affair (1956), adapted by Gore Vidal from Paddy Chayefsky’s television play, a Catholic girl (Debbie Reynolds), daughter of a taxi driver (Ernest Borgnine), announces that she and her schoolteacher fiancé want a quick, quiet wedding. The neighbors assume (wrongly) that she is pregnant, and her mother, partly for this reason and partly because her own married life has been unremittingly drab, decides that, on the contrary, the wedding will be the most ostentatious and elaborate that money can buy—even if it costs every penny her husband has saved towards a cab of his own. Bette Davis gives a tour-de-force performance as the mother. Scarcely pausing for breath, Brooks was off to the wide open spaces again (albeit African ones) for his adaptation of Robert Ruark’s Mau-Mau novel, Something of Value...Brooks then attempted an adaptation of The Brothers Karamazov, reducing that large and complex work to a movie of just under two and a half hours. Brooks’ screenplay concentrates on the most obviously dramatic elements in the book—the murder of the rich and libidinous Fyodor Karamazov (Lee J. Cobb) and the love affairs of his wild son Dmitri (Yul Brynner) with the chilly Katya (Claire Bloom) and the prostitute Grushenka (Maria Schell). The other brothers—Ivan (Richard Basehart) and Alexei for local papers and at other odd jobs.
(William Shatner)—who in the novel are the chief spokesmen for Dostoevsky’s philosophical and religious ideas and agonies, play only minor parts in the movie.

“What is lost,” wrote C.A. Lejeune, “is just the world that Dostoevsky wrote about, a world of violence enlaced with mysticism....What remains is a murder story in bizarre settings, with more respect than understanding for classical style.....The Brothers Karamazov is not a bad film really. It tries to do what it has to do without deliberate uglification. It isn’t obtrepreously noisy, its dialogue is not inordinately foolish, and I don’t suppose that anybody stopped for a minute to consider that the colour effect was vile.”

Lejeune was wrong to suppose that the film’s color effects were accidental. In fact, Brooks, with his cinematographer John Alton, had set out to use strong primary colors to symbolize particular states of mind, hoping in this way to evoke some of the moods and passions that could not be accommodated in the dialogue. The experiment failed, and as Paul Mayersberg says, “the result is a strange split between words and images. The colours stand out like shouted phrases or subtitles.” Nevertheless, Mayersberg maintains that this purely visual device marks “the turning point in Brooks’ development” from a writer into a true filmmaker.

A series of adaptations followed of more or less estimable literary works, all of them scripted by Brooks alone except his version of Tennessee Williams’ play Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1958), which he wrote in collaboration with James Poe....

Brooks established his own production company to make his version of Sinclair Lewis’ novel Elmer Gantry, perhaps the most widely admired of his films. Burt Lancaster is likably shameless as the religious charlatan, while Jean Simmons (whom Brooks married as his third wife in 1960) plays the sincere evangelist Sister Sharon Falconer....Color symbolism is used far more effectively here than in The Brothers Karamazov, achieving “a successfully balanced synthesis of words and images,” and one critic wrote that “fast cutting and several shock dissolves suit well the thrashing rhythm of Gantry’s progress.” Brooks received an Oscar for best screenplay based on material from another medium.

Sweet Bird of Youth followed in 1962, another Tennessee Williams adaptation, and then Brooks’ ambitious and expensive version of Conrad’s Lord Jim, made by his own production company, Pax Enterprises (releasing through Columbia). Peter O’Toole plays Jim, wandering the Malay Archipelago in search of redemption for a single act of cowardice, and the cast of thousands also includes James Mason, Jack Hawkins, Eli Wallach, Dahlia Levi, Paul Lukas, Curt Jurgens, and Akim Tamiroff. Robert Hatch wrote that “Brooks’ offense is that he does not cope with the [true] theme of the great work whose name he has appropriated, but that is really his only offense. Otherwise he has made a rousing tropical adventure tale, about at the level of Treasure Island.”

Brooks, who has continued to serve as his own producer, went on to a somewhat more modest project, The Professionals (1965), a Western more in the tradition on The Magnificent Seven....

Truman Capote’s controversial “nonfiction novel” In Cold Blood, about the pointless murder of a Kansas farm family and the eventual execution of the young killers, became a somewhat less controversial film in Brooks’ careful adaptation, splendidly photographed by Conrad Hall. Seeking a severe documentary effect, Brooks filmed at the scene of the crime, casting relatively unknown actors in the principal roles and using the actual neighbors of the murdered family. Brooks’ otherwise faithful adaptation differs from Capote’s determinedly objective account in that a liberal journalist is inserted to voice an opposition to capital punishment that is presumably the director’s own.

“The first half of the film looks promising; the second half becomes boring,” wrote Andrew Sarris. “The trouble is that Brooks has focused almost entirely on the killers and their sick minds and childhood dreams. Consequently the movie is motivated by the kind of facile Freudianism that is supposed to have gone out in the forties...The whiplash documentary style of much of the photography clashes with the tired German Expressionism of dreams and hallucinations, and the mixture is a bit dishonest besides, in that it places an aura of subjectivity around the killers and around no one else.”

After The Happy Ending (1969), in which Jean Simmons plays a woman who takes a vacation alone to reassess her sixteen-year-old marriage, came two genre films, $ (Dollars, The Heist, 1971), an overlong but generally enjoyable caper movie starring Warren Beatty and Goldie Hawn, and Bite the Bullet (1975), a Western in which Gene Hackman, James Coburn, Ben Johnson, Ian Bannen and others compete in a seven-hundred-mile horserace....

Nor was there great enthusiasm for Brooks’ adaptation of Looking for Mr. Goodbar, though most critics like Diane Keaton’s performance as Terry Dunn, the gifted young teacher whose growing addiction to the rough sexual trade of singles bars ends in a squalid, strobe-lit room with her murder by a bisexual psychopath (Richard Gere)....Wrong is Right (1982), a black comedy with Sean Connery as a globetrotting TV newscaster, flailed away at an assortment of targets, including Arab terrorism and CIA skulduggery, with more heat than wit....

A highly uneven director, Brooks is responsible for two or three excellent films (A Catered Affair, Elmer Gantry), a string of intelligent entertainments, and several brave and interesting failures—a creditable record that should earn him more respect than often comes his way. The critical hostility to his work is due partly to what is seen as his effrontery in tackling subjects (like The Brothers Karamazov) that are beyond his range, partly to his habit of larding his scripts with sermons in favor of free speech or against capital punishment, hunting, etc. Paul Mayersberg, who in 1965 described him as “arguably the best screenwriter in America,” calls Brooks “an idealist, but a conservative idealist...in the sense that his beliefs are reasoned not inspired. His attitudes are evolutionary and not utopian....I can’t help feeling that Brooks sees the world divided into teachers and the taught, the leaders and the followers.” Bob Blake thinks him an artist “whose deepest instinct is to improve...[his] audience...but whose whole training and background is in the field of super-slick entertainment.”


In the hands of adapter-director-producer Richard Brooks, Truman Capote’s In Cold Blood, the nonfiction novel-like account of two Kansas killers, becomes, on screen, a probing, sensitive, tasteful, balanced and suspenseful documentary-drama.

Film has the look and sound of reality, in part from use of action locales in six states and non-pros as atmosphere players, the rest from Brooks’ own filmmaking professionalism.
Planned as a $3 million 124-day pic, it came in for 2.2 million in 80 days. Heading the competent cast are Robert Blake and Scott Wilson, bearing a striking example to the now-dead Kansas drifters who, in the course of a burglary on November 15, 1959, murdered four of a family. Almost six years later, after an exhausted appeal route, they were hanged. John Forsythe plays the chief investigator who broke the case. Brooks’s screenplay and direction are remarkable, in that the pic avoids so many pitfalls; it is not a crime meller, told either from the police or criminal viewpoint; it is not social tract against capital punishment; it is not cheap exploitation material; and it is not amateurish in technical execution, despite its realistic flavor.

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Triumph of the Will/Triumph des Willens 1935, Riefenstahl (S00)
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