



Otázka: One flew over the cuckoo's nest

Jazyk: Angličtina – Review

Přidal(a): Anet

It is a tragicomic film based on literature artwork. The book was written by American writer Ken Kesey who is considered as a member of the beat generation. Title of the film is the same as the title of the book. The title is based on nursery rhyme which said the chief (it is only in book).

The film was directed by Miloš Forman in 1975 in USA. It stars with Jack Nicholson the other cast are Louise Fletcher, Will Sampson, Danny DeVito, etc... The film was awarded for Oscar in nine categories, for example Oscar for Best Film or Oscar for Best Director. The interesting fact is that Czech people couldn't see the movie before velvet revolution because of censorship. The film is about friendship of men in asylum, condition of medical care at that time, abuse of the power, dignity and hope.

The movie takes place in mental hospital in USA in 1960's. Randall McMurphy comes to mental asylum. He pretends to be a fool to avoid imprisonment for sexual abuse and violent assault. He is rebellious, smart and friendly, so he immediately makes contact with other patients in asylum. He makes them feel like they are people again – he said “all of you are less freaky than people out there”. One patient, they call him Chief, becomes his close friend. Everyone thinks Chief is deaf, but he is only playing. Randall teaches the patients to long for freedom and life beyond the walls. But miss Ratched – main nurse in asylum – rules the asylum in a strict way. She is evil, bossy and passive-aggressive. She tries to spoil them every activity they make.



One day, Randall decides to flee. His ex-girlfriend with her friend break into the hospital. They make a big drunken party but the next day miss Ratched finds them. She starts to threaten the boy named Billy. She says that she will tell his mother about the incident. Billy cuts himself. McMurphy gets mad and starts to choke miss Ratched. After all this, Randall is transferred in different department. They make him a lobotomy and then take him back. He is completely out of his mind. Chief makes an act of mercy and suffocate him with pillow. Then Chief flees.