



# One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest (1975)



**When rules become weapons, rebellion becomes survival.**

Step into *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and test your memory of defiance, broken spirits, and the explosive cost of refusing to conform.

Who breaks the system?

Who bends to it?

What happens when control is pushed too far?



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**#1. In 1963 Oregon, why is Randle Patrick "Mac" McMurphy transferred to a mental institution?**

- A. He voluntarily seeks psychiatric help for depression
- B. He requests a transfer for better medical care
- C. He is transferred for evaluation despite showing no overt mental illness
- D. He is sentenced to a mental institution instead of prison

**#2. What is McMurphy's main motivation for wanting to be in the mental institution?**

- A. To avoid hard labour and have a more relaxed environment
- B. To receive psychiatric treatment
- C. To escape from prison entirely
- D. To be near his family

**#3. How is Nurse Mildred Ratched described?**

- A. Jovial and encouraging
- B. Steely, unyielding, and controlling
- C. Indecisive and forgetful
- D. Gentle and empathetic toward patients

**#4. What methods does Nurse Ratched use to control the patients?**

- A. Encouragement and therapy sessions
- B. Subtle humiliation, unpleasant medical treatments, and a mind-numbing routine
- C. Physical punishment and isolation
- D. Offering rewards for good behaviour

**#5. How do the patients generally respond to Nurse Ratched?**

- A. They fear her more than focusing on recovery
- B. They admire and respect her
- C. They ignore her authority
- D. They try to overthrow her leadership immediately

**#6. Who among the following is a nervous, stuttering young man in McMurphy's ward?**

- A. Charlie Cheswick
- B. Billy Bibbit
- C. Dale Harding
- D. Max Taber

**#7. Which patient is known for childish fits of temper?**

- A. Charlie Cheswick
- B. Martini
- C. Jim Sefelt
- D. "Chief" Bromden

**#8. How is Martini characterized?**

- A. Silent and observant
- B. Belligerent and profane
- C. Delusional
- D. High-strung and paranoid

**#9. Which patient is described as high-strung, well-educated, and paranoid?**

- A. Dale Harding
- B. Max Taber
- C. Charlie Cheswick
- D. Billy Bibbit

**#10. What is notable about "Chief" Bromden?**

- A. He is silent and believed to be deaf and mute
- B. He is openly defiant of the staff
- C. He is the ward's favourite patient
- D. He is the most intelligent patient in the ward

**#11. What event escalates the battle of wills between McMurphy and Nurse Ratched?**

- A. McMurphy refuses to eat the hospital food
- B. McMurphy criticizes Ratched in front of the staff
- C. McMurphy's card games win away everyone's cigarettes
- D. McMurphy attempts to escape the institution

**#12. How does Nurse Ratched respond when McMurphy wins the card games?**

- A. She allows him to keep the winnings
- B. She praises him
- C. She confiscates the cigarettes and rations them
- D. She ignores the situation

**#13. How does McMurphy challenge the ward's policies?**

- A. He secretly sabotages the ward operations
- B. He writes complaints to the administration
- C. He calls for votes on ward policy changes
- D. He starts a physical fight with Ratched

**#14. What does McMurphy attempt to do to prove he can escape?**

- A. Pretend to be sick to get discharged
- B. Lift and throw an old hydrotherapy console through a window
- C. Climb out a window at night
- D. Bribe a staff member for his freedom

**#15. What does McMurphy say after failing to lift the hydrotherapy console?**

- A. "This is impossible."
- B. "I give up on escaping."
- C. "I will try again tomorrow."
- D. "At least I tried goddammit. I did that."

**#16. What does McMurphy do with the hospital bus?**

- A. Organizes a card game for the patients
- B. Steals it and takes his colleagues on an outing
- C. Confronts Nurse Ratched directly
- D. Plans an escape through the back door

**#17. Who joins the group during the outing?**

- A. Rose, Candy's friend
- B. Billy Bibbit
- C. Candy, a party girl
- D. Jim Sefelt

**#18. What activity does McMurphy take the patients on with the commandeered boat?**

- A. River rafting
- B. Deep sea fishing
- C. Sailing lessons
- D. Whale watching

**#19. What does McMurphy say to inspire the group?**

- A. "You're not crazy, you are leaders!"
- B. "You're not nuts, you are fishermen!"
- C. "You're free to be yourselves!"
- D. "No one can control you but you!"

**#20. What does McMurphy learn about Ratched and the doctors?**

- A. They can discharge him anytime
- B. They have the power to keep him committed indefinitely
- C. They are planning a new therapy program
- D. They will leave him alone if he behaves

**#21. How does Nurse Ratched respond to the rising tension among the patients?**

- A. She organizes a holiday party without them
- B. She allows McMurphy to take them fishing
- C. She tightens her grip and humiliates them in group sessions
- D. She rewards only the well-behaved patients

**#22. Who becomes agitated and triggers a brawl during a group session?**

- A. Dale Harding
- B. Billy Bibbit
- C. Charlie Cheswick
- D. Max Taber

**#23. What is the consequence of the brawl with the orderlies?**

- A. McMurphy is discharged
- B. They are sent to the "shock shop" for electroconvulsive therapy
- C. Nurse Ratched calls the police
- D. The patients are given solitary confinement

**#24. What does McMurphy discover about Chief Bromden while waiting for electroshock therapy?**

- A. He is deaf and mute
- B. He can hear and speak but stays silent to deflect attention
- C. He plans to escape with McMurphy
- D. He refuses to take part in any activities

**#25. How does McMurphy behave after receiving electroshock therapy?**

- A. He collapses in exhaustion
- B. He quietly returns to his room
- C. He feigns illness, then humorously animates his face and greets the patients
- D. He yells at Nurse Ratched

**#26. What does McMurphy plan because his release date is uncertain?**

- A. To escape the hospital
- B. To write a complaint letter
- C. To confront Nurse Ratched in court
- D. To resign himself to therapy

**#27. How do McMurphy and Candy get Rose and some booze into the hospital?**

- A. They sneak in through a window after bribing the night orderly
- B. They enter with the permission of Nurse Ratched
- C. They hide in a supply closet
- D. They disguise themselves as staff members

**#28. What happens during the Christmas party in the day room?**

- A. The patients clean the ward and help the staff
- B. They break into the drug locker, put on music, and enjoy a bacchanalian rampage
- C. They practice fishing skills indoors
- D. They play a board game together

**#29. How does Billy respond when McMurphy invites him to escape?**

- A. He eagerly runs away with them
- B. He refuses, saying he is not yet ready to leave the hospital
- C. He escapes but leaves Candy behind
- D. He argues with McMurphy and storms off

**#30. What occurs between Billy and Candy during the party?**

- A. They argue over alcohol
- B. They retire to a private room and have sex, as encouraged by McMurphy
- C. They get caught by Nurse Ratched
- D. They decide to leave the hospital immediately

**#31. How are McMurphy and Chief Bromden affected at the end of the party?**

- A. They are full of energy and plan another outing
- B. They fall asleep due to the effects of alcohol and pilfered medication
- C. They start a fight with the orderlies
- D. They hide from Nurse Ratched

**#32. What does Nurse Ratched find when she arrives the next morning?**

- A. The ward completely upended with patients passed out
- B. The ward calm and orderly
- C. Only McMurphy awake
- D. Patients quietly playing cards

**#33. How does Nurse Ratched respond to the scene?**

- A. She ignores the mess
- B. She orders the attendants to lock the window, clean up, and conduct a head count
- C. She joins in the celebration
- D. She praises McMurphy

**#34. What happens when the attendants find Billy and Candy?**

- A. The patients remain silent
- B. Candy leaves immediately
- C. The other patients applaud and Billy speaks for the first time without a stutter
- D. Billy runs away

**#35. How does Billy react to Nurse Ratched announcing she will tell his mother what happened?**

- A. He panics, his stutter returns, and he starts punching himself in the face
- B. He laughs and jokes
- C. He remains calm
- D. He hides from Nurse Ratched

**#36. What is the ultimate outcome for Billy?**

- A. He kills himself while locked in the doctor's office
- B. He escapes with Chief Bromden
- C. He reconciles with Nurse Ratched
- D. He leaves the hospital with Candy

**#37. How does McMurphy react to Billy's outcome?**

- A. He chokes Nurse Ratched nearly to death until knocked out by Orderly Washington
- B. He quietly mourns
- C. He writes a letter to the administration
- D. He plans another fishing trip

**#38. What changes occur in the ward after McMurphy's attack on Nurse Ratched?**

- A. Harding deals and delivers a pale imitation of McMurphy's patter while patients play cards and gamble
- B. McMurphy resumes leading the patients
- C. Patients stop playing cards and gambling
- D. Nurse Ratched returns to full health immediately

**#39. How is Nurse Ratched physically affected after the attack?**

- A. She leaves the hospital permanently
- B. She wears a neck brace and speaks in a thin, reedy voice
- C. She has no injuries
- D. She gains more authority than before

**#40. What rumour do the patients whisper about McMurphy?**

- A. He has been released
- B. He is in solitary confinement
- C. He dramatically escaped the hospital rather than being taken "upstairs"
- D. He is leading a new therapy session

**#41. How does Chief Bromden initially react when he sees McMurphy late that night?**

- A. He thinks McMurphy has returned so they can escape together
- B. He is indifferent
- C. He believes McMurphy is planning to leave alone
- D. He is afraid of Nurse Ratched

**#42. What horrifies Chief Bromden when he looks closely at McMurphy?**

- A. McMurphy is planning another prank
- B. McMurphy has lobotomy scars on his forehead
- C. McMurphy has escaped again
- D. McMurphy is asleep

**#43. What does Chief Bromden do after seeing McMurphy's condition?**

- A. He smothers McMurphy to death with his pillow
- B. He cries but does nothing
- C. He calls for the nurses
- D. He tries to hide McMurphy from the other patients

**#44. How does Chief Bromden carry out McMurphy's escape plan?**

- A. He convinces the nurses to open the door
- B. He lifts the hydrotherapy console off the floor and hurls it through a grated window, then climbs through and runs off
- C. He hides in the supply closet
- D. He leaves alone without disturbing the ward


**#45. Who witnesses Chief Bromden's escape and how do they react?**

- A. Taber wakes up and cheers as the others awake
- B. Nurse Ratched stops him immediately
- C. Billy cheers from another room
- D. No one sees him escape





# Did You Know?





 **From Page to Screen** – The film is based on Ken Kesey's 1962 novel, which was inspired by his real-life experience working in a mental hospital. Reality really was stranger than fiction!


 **A Czech Visionary** – Director Milos Forman fled Communist Czechoslovakia and brought a unique European touch to this very American story.


 **Jack's Wild Ride** – Jack Nicholson's McMurphy is one of his most iconic roles, full of charm, mischief, and rebellion. Truly a role that defined him.


 **Oscar Sweep** – The film won the "Big Five" Oscars: Best Picture, Director, Actor, Actress, and Adapted Screenplay. Only a handful of films have ever done that!


 **Louise Fletcher's Breakthrough** – Nurse Ratched was Louise Fletcher's first major film role, and she instantly became Hollywood's ultimate villain.


 **Inspired by Reality** – Nurse Ratched was based on a real nurse Kesey encountered, making her cold, calculating persona even creepier.


 **Filmed in a Real Hospital** – Oregon State Hospital in Salem, Oregon, served as the set, giving the film an eerie authenticity.


 **Real Patients on Set** – Some extras were actual psychiatric patients, which added a raw, unpredictable energy to the scenes.


 **Almost Brando or Reynolds** – Marlon Brando and Burt Reynolds were considered for McMurphy before Nicholson snagged the role. Can you imagine that version?


 **Fight Scene Chaos** – The hand-to-hand scene between McMurphy and authority was partly improvised, with Nicholson making it feel electrifyingly real.

 **Cultural Icon** – Nurse Ratched became a symbol of oppressive authority, referenced everywhere from memes to modern TV shows.

 **Cinematography Snub** – Critics loved the film's visual style, but it didn't get an Oscar nod for cinematography—surprising for such a visually immersive film.

 **Box Office Hit** – Made on a modest \$3.3 million budget, it grossed over \$100 million worldwide—talk about a financial victory!

 **Improvisation Magic** – Director Forman encouraged actors to improvise, giving the hospital a chaotic, unpredictable, almost "real-life" feel.

 **Timeless Legacy** – In 1993, the American Film Institute ranked it the 33rd greatest American film of all time. Its rebellious spirit is still celebrated today.





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# Behind the Ward Lies the Rebellion... ...If You Dare to Join It.

This quiz book drags you deeper into the turbulent world of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* — where every answer exposes another secret, another act of defiance, another challenge to the system's iron grip.

Relive the tension inside the ward , the clashes with authority , and the fractures that threaten to shatter minds and spirits alike.

Will you uncover the truth hidden beneath the rules...

or lose yourself to the silence waiting inside?

 Turn the page. The fight has only just begun.  

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