Cast and Roles

- Tom Hanks - Captain Miller
- Matt Damon - Private Ryan
- Vin Diesel - Private Caporzo
- Tom Sizemore - Sergeant Horvath
- Barry Pepper - Private Jackson
- Adam Goldberg - Private Mellish
- Giovanni Ribisi - T-4 Medic

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The setting for the movie is during the invasion of Normandy in World War II. It has connections to Omaha beach and D-day, which all connect to the U.S. history standard. It was praised for its realistic portrayal of World War II combat in particular, the sequence depicting the Omaha Beach landings.
The beginning of Saving Private Ryan, opened with the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944, Cpt. Miller has to fight his way up a beach to secure a bunker in order to save his troops. After all the action two brothers with the last name Ryan are killed and earlier in New Guinea, a third brother is KIA. Their mother, Mrs. Ryan, is to receive all three of the grave telegrams on the same day. The United States Army Chief of Staff, George C. Marshall, is given an opportunity to alleviate some of her grief when he learns of a fourth brother, Private James Ryan, and decides to send out 8 men to find him and bring him back home to his mother.
Our opinion

We believe Saving Private Ryan is a very intense movie that shows gore and the troubles that soldiers had to endure during the war. It was a great movie to watch and we would recommend it to everyone. It has action, drama, and an amazing story that anyone would enjoy.

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Fact vs fiction

Facts
The cast were put through a tough week-long boot camp, which they struggled to cope with - with the exception of Tom Hanks and Matt Damon. The former had a similar experience while making Forrest Gump, while the latter was spared the training to build up real resentment towards him from the rest of the cast.

The sticky grenades in the film were based off of real tactics used in world war II as well as hitting the mortars to arm them and then throwing them.

Fiction
The actual story of saving private Ryan was not true and was developed only to portray the things that might of happened during world war II