

THE FG REVIEW

The bullet that will kill you ...



Indian god: Krishna

HINDU philosophy and the macho world of the US army may not be

immediate bedfellows but visionary director Ang Lee draws these two opposite ends of the spectrum of life skilfully together.

Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk is Lee's latest offering.

The movie starring relative newcomer Joe Alwyn as the eponymous hero is rooted firmly in the American dream.

Baseball, cheerleaders, Beyoncé (when she was still a child of destiny - pun must

have been intended) feature, as well as that most American of institutions the military.

Billy finds himself in the midst of heated hand-to-hand battle in Iraq while his superior lies dying nearby.

He emerges victorious only to find his colleague dead.

The eternal question of all conflicts: What's it all for? hangs powerfully in the acrid, sulphurous air.

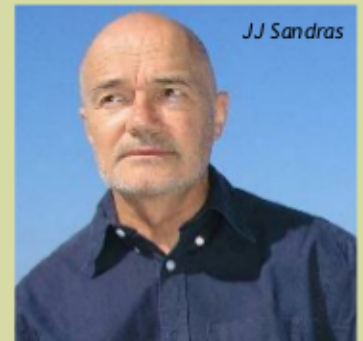
Yet sergeant Shroom's (Van Diesel) words reverberate in Billy's head. An unlikely fan of Hindu philosophy Shroom once told him: "The bullet that's gonna kill you has already been fired."

And it helps him cope.

Along the way Lee takes us through a bizarre and prolonged portrayal of war as showbiz and killing as a sexy turn on. He also serves up a homo-erotic vision of a group

of bored cirde-jerking soldiers and phone sex with your lover.

Coming in the wake of the likes of *Brokeback Mountain* and *The Life of Pi* this is Lee once again at his simultaneously superficial and profound, inimitable best.



JJ Sandras

Vegan murders journalist! - Don't worry it's not real ...

YOU MAY not think a vegetarian author would have violence on his mind!

Yet that's exactly what Jean Jacques Sandras produces in is latest offering "*Conrad and Alice, crime investigators*" - the series.

The first two episodes, introduce the reader to an unlikely couple; Alice, 26, a French psychologist and Conrad, a South African pensioner in his late sixties.

In the **first episode** Marie, a young art student, is murdered in her Paris apartment.

Her art teacher's wife, Linda, is the prime suspect because Marie was her husband's mistress.

Alice calls upon Conrad to help her prove that Linda, a former patient, is innocent.

A wild goose chase ends up nabbing the guilty party.

In the **episode two** Rita, a fervent vegan activist, is suspected of murdering Sylvie, a journalist who frequently published articles deriding veganism.

Alice calls upon Conrad to help prove that Rita, also a former patient, is innocent.

Once again the two investigators set off to bring the guilty party to justice.

Enjoy the psychological and philosophical interactions in these interesting tales.

The series is available on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).

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