

## The Next Three Days

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Till prison do us part



Director: Paul Haggis

Starring: Russell Crowe, Elizabeth Banks, Liam Neeson, Brian Dennehy

A Pittsburgh college professor (Crowe) is distraught when his wife (Banks) is arrested, tried and convicted of having murdered her boss. When the appeals process is exhausted, the devoted husband hatches a scheme to spring her from jail so they can flee to South America with their young son.

Remaking an 84-minute French thriller, *Pour Elle*, writer-director Paul Haggis (*Crash*, *Valley of Elah*) stretches the action to more than two hours, tracking the husband's arduous self-tutorial in prison security and his rocky moral journey as he learns to function in the underworld.

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The prison break, once it finally arrives, is admittedly exciting and filled with unexpected twists, but it's a bit of a slog to get there. The Next Three Days might have fared a lot better if the screenwriters had just stuck to The Next Two Days.

It's fun while it lasts, but when it's over, you'll move on to the next three movies.

**Genre:** Crime | Drama | Romance

**Age Restriction:** PG-13

**Runtime:** 122 min