



The Glass Shield

A film by Charles Burnett

Michael Boatman, Lori Petty, Ice Cube

The first black recruit in his squad, rookie cop JJ Johnson (Michael Boatman, *The Good Wife*) struggles to adapt to life on the force when confronted by the inherent prejudices and corruption of his precinct. Directed by Charles Burnett (*Killer of Sheep*, *My Brother's Wedding*), *The Glass Shield* is a thrilling drama that shines a light on the deep-rooted racial tensions of the American justice system and the toll of opposing institutionalised bigotry. Following the BFI's current BLACK STAR season, it will be released on Blu-ray and DVD in a Dual Format Edition on 23 January 2017.

Immediately positioned as an outsider, along with fellow novice cop Deborah (Lori Petty, *Tank Girl*, *Orange is the New Black*), JJ witnesses at first hand the brutality and implicit racism of his white colleagues. When an unlawful search results in the arrest of Teddy Woods (Ice Cube, *Boyz N the Hood*) on dubious murder charges, JJ risks his job and his life to reveal the truth.

Special features

- Presented in High Definition and Standard Definition
- *Newly filmed interview with Charles Burnett* (2016, 26 mins)
- Alternative ending (1994, 2 mins)
- Illustrated booklet with full film credits and new writing by Bridget Minamore

Product details

RRP: £19.99/ Cat. no. BFIB1258 / Cert 12

USA / 1994 / colour / 110 mins / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / original aspect ratio 1.85:1 // BD50: 1080p, 24fps, PCM 2.0 stereo (48kHz/16-bit) / DVD9: PAL, 25fps, Dolby Digital 2.0 stereo (320kbps)

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