

Free Burt Lancaster!

A Fiction based on a Fiction...

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It's Fall 1963. Sidney Bernstein, a brash cub Reporter resents his routine assignment and steals a lead on the deathwatch on the notorious Robert Stroud, The Birdman of Alcatraz. Through legwork and pluck, Sidney discovers that the legend of The Birdman is fiction and resolves to find and print The Truth. Along his journey he encounters the author of the book "The Birdman of Alcatraz," the last Warden on The Rock, the prison Chaplin, the Head of the Parole Board and many others including Hollywood star Burt Lancaster and the real Robert Stroud. Stroud is an unrepentant killer, as interested in his notoriety as he is his fame, and gloats how he will be remembered the world over. Sidney, through his stubborn determination discovers surprising things about the ugly side of this legend-and himself.

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