

Fly Colt Fly: Legend of the Barefoot Bandit

Logline

Colton Harris-Moore had never been in a plane before he hot-wired a Cessna, flew 600 km and crashed in the bush. That was the beginning.

Short Synopsis

Fly Colt Fly is a feature length documentary about American teenage fugitive Colton Harris-Moore, whose superhuman ability to escape capture by stealing airplanes and living in the wilderness made him the modern day folk hero of a new generation. Fusing documentary, graphic novel style animation, and dramatic recreations, the film contrasts the story of a real kid who fell into burglary to keep from starving with his mass media persona, The Barefoot Bandit. While telling Colt's larger-than-life story, this film examines the public fascination with underdog anti-heroes and how fame becomes the kiss of death for these outlaws we root for.

Long Synopsis

Fly Colt Fly is a feature length documentary about a 19-year-old outlaw whose epic journey captured the imagination of the world. It is the story of a young fugitive's rise to international fame, the small town community he tormented, the police and bounty hunters he duped, and his dysfunctional mother exposed to the world. Most of all, it's the story of how an angry teenager, alone, afraid, and living on the razor's edge became a legend.

Brilliant and troubled serial burglar Colton Harris-Moore escaped a juvenile detention facility in 2008, beginning a chase with authorities unlike any other in history. Colt left in his wake more than 100 crimes, including a half dozen stolen boats, at least 10 cars, and 5 stolen airplanes. Colt remained on the run for more than 2 years, with the FBI and Mounties tracking him with dogs, SWAT teams, and Black Hawk choppers. 90,000 "fans" from around the world cheered the teenager on through Facebook. Numerous original ballads about Colt have been immortalized on Youtube, book and movie deals were made while he was still on the run. Colt is a new breed of outlaw folk hero - a pure fugitive, a runner. Though non-violent, his name will go down in history with the likes of John Dillinger and Billy The Kid. While telling Colt's larger-than-life story this film examines the public fascination with underdog anti-heroes and how that notoriety in turn has been the kiss of death to the outlaws we root for.

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Fly Colt Fly plays like a comic book action movie fused with documentary examination and introspection - a chase film about the evolution of a controversial anti-hero and the effect his mythology had on his own fate.