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Film Series

Beyond Rangoon

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Directed by John Boorman

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Beyond Rangoon features Patricia Arquette in the role of an American physician, Laura, who is traveling on vacation in Burma when she unexpectedly gets caught up in the 1988 uprising of Buddhist monks against the military government. Based on real-life events, the film features a confrontation between Aung San Suu Kyi, (played by Adele Lutz) who bravely calls for freedom in the midst of the soldiers who have been sent to stop her. During the historical 1988 uprising, the government ordered soldiers to open fire on unarmed demonstrators, killing thousands of them. In the film, Laura travels "Beyond Rangoon" to visit the Burmese countryside, ordinarily off-limits to tourists. As the rebellion is suppressed, she is directly exposed to the Burmese military dictatorship at its worst, and her professional skills come into play as a life-saving physician.

Admission is free.

