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## TURBULENCE!

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Would you feel safe on an airplane if Denzel Washington was the pilot? You just might, until things started to rattle and shake.

Whip Whitaker (Washington) is a pilot forced to make an emergency landing. His superior flying skills enable

him to save almost all of his passengers, and he's heralded as a major hero – until a follow up investigation reveals traces of drugs and alcohol in his system. Suddenly, he's looking at facing major prison time.

*Flight* – helmed by Academy Award-winning director Robert Zemeckis (*Back to the Future*, *Forrest Gump*, *Cast Away*) – offers a mesmerizing, at times traumatizing, and powerful look at the ups and downs of substance addiction, along with some of the most sensational visual effects to hit the screen in recent times. This intense character study finds Oscar-winner Denzel Washington in top form, portraying a man on the brink of breakdown as crippling pressure mounts. Strong supporting performances are delivered by Don Cheadle, John Goodman, Melissa Leo and Kelly Reilly.

Thanks to Mr. Zemeckis' deft hand, the film's opening flight crash sequence and its heart-pounding aftermath will have you reeling in your seat, feeling almost as shaken up as Mr. Washington's character. Almost.

*Flight* opens November 2