

## 'Hurt Locker' wins 6 Oscars including best film – 8.3.2010

Iraq war movie "**The Hurt Locker**," took the Oscars by storm on 7.3.2010 winning six of the major film honours, including best movie and director for Kathryn Bigelow who became the first woman to win that honour.

The drama about a squad of bomb defusing specialists and the emotional toll war takes on them also secured writer Mark Boal the Academy Award for best original screenplay, and claimed honours for film editing, sound editing and mixing.

"Hurt Locker" and Bigelow won Oscars over stiff competition from her ex-husband James Cameron, whose sci-fi adventure "Avatar" is the top-grossing movie ever with USD 2.5 billion at box offices and was seen as a favourite for best movie.

"**Avatar**" earned 3 Oscars, but in technical categories -- visual effects, cinematography and art direction.

Veteran **Jeff Bridges** claimed **best actor** playing a drunken country singer in drama "**Crazy Heart**." The son of Hollywood star Lloyd Bridges, held his trophy high over his head, looking to the heavens and thanking his deceased parents. "Mom and Dad, yeah," he shouted. "Thank you Mom and Dad for turning me on to such a groovy profession."

**Sandra Bullock** was named **best actress** for "**The Blind Side**" in a first for the actress once dubbed "America's Sweetheart" because she won so many early fans in her romantic comedies.

But for "The Blind Side," she took the part of a real-life, strong-willed mother who helps take a homeless youth off the street and makes him into a football success.

"Did I really earn this, or did I just wear you all down?" she joked on Oscar's stage.

Dark drama "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire" earned two Oscars including supporting actress for Mo'Nique and adapted screenplay for writer Geoffrey Fletcher, who became the first African American to claim that honour.

Christoph Waltz won best supporting actor for his turn as a menacing Nazi officer in revenge fantasy "Inglourious Basterds," which follows a band of American Jews killing their enemies behind lines during World War Two.

"**Up**" was named best animated movie, and Argentina's "The Secret in Their Eyes" won best foreign language film.

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