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TITLE	A Beautiful Mind
DIRECTOR	Ron Howard
YEAR AND COUNTRY	2001 USA
GENRE	Drama/Biography
ACTORS	Russell Crowe(John Nash), Jennifer Connelly (Alicia Larde Nash), Ed Harris (William Parcher)

PLOT

During his prodigious career at Princeton University a mathematical genius, future winner of the Nobel prize, makes an astonishing discovery and formulates a theory which could revolutionize the world economy. He finds himself involved in a mysterious conspiracy at the height of the Cold War, but things are not what they seem. The true story of John Nash.

LANGUAGE

Standard U.S. English. Use of some medical terminology.

VOCABULARY

"alas I'm stuck with me": (regrettably, I have no escape from myself)	meds: medications (abbrev.)
"It's got a little zap to it, doesn't it?" (U.S. English) (U.K. = hasn't it?)	quack (doctor): not a real, qualified doctor
accomplishment: result	restraints: straps to hold a person down
ashamed: to feel shame for another	right hook: swinging right hand punch
at your whim: only when you want to	routing orders: coordinates for transport
blueprints: plans	sleeper agents: agents infiltrated awaiting activation
breakthrough: revolutionary discovery of new truth	squeamish: nauseated
briefs: ideas	stunned: shocked (positive & negative)
ciphers: codes	to be haunted: to be unable to escape from an inner torment
cloaking serum: injected to make a person invisible	to bust: to break
code breaker: unlocks a secret code: to decipher	to draw a bath: to run/turn on the water for it
cognitive reverie: thinking while dreaming	to dull: to bore
commitment papers: forms for sending a patient to psychiatric hospital	to elbow out: to force aside
cornerstone: foundation	to hang around: to casually spend time in a place
daunting: very difficult (challenge)	to haunt: to persecute
derivative drivel: unoriginal rubbish	to screw up: to ruin, to make a mistake
eager: keen, enthusiastic	to trigger: to set off/initiate
flattered: overly praised	to wear off: gradually lose effect
ghoul: a monstrous demon	to wrap: enclose
holding up: resisting, coping	warrant: deserve
imbedded: implanted	weird: very strange