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**Terry George, Jim Sheridan : Some Mother's Son** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Some Mother's Son:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Heartbreaking Account of the Human Impact of the 1981 Hunger Strike  
By K. Wilson  
After a prolonged "dirty protest" to be recognised as prisoners of war as opposed to terrorists, Irish republican H-Block inmates embarked on a hunger strike in the spring of 1981. Set against the backdrop of this turbulent period, "Some Mother's Son" focuses on the unlikely friendship that develops between two mothers who

each have sons involved in the strike. "Some Mother's Son" is a heart breaking account of the human impact of this tragedy. Two mothers, one pro-republican the other a middle class schoolteacher, both struggle with the same painful decision. They may save their son's lives by taking them off the hunger strike or respect their beliefs but watch them die. The screenplay's author's, Terry George and Jim Sheridan, also wrote "In the Name of the Father" which received four Academy Award Nominations. Some liberties were taken with historical accuracy, and while not a "propaganda piece" the film and screenplay certainly take a pro-republican stance. Readers will need to do some additional reading and research to get a balanced view of events dramatized in the screenplay. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Some Mothers Sons By Don J. Murphy II Excellent Screen Play. Being a member of the Irish Freedom Committiee I have used bits and pc's., of this in our presentations, Also is there anyway a film verison is available in either vhs or dvd . I could sure use one if available.

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