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## **CROOKED WAY, THE**

1949 / 80:00 / B/W / Film Noir/ Psychological

Director: Robert Florey

Starring: John Payne, Sonny Tufts, Ellen Drew



### **SYNOPSIS:**

John Payne plays Eddie Rice, a man who's just gotten out of a veteran's hospital where they removed a piece of shrapnel from his brain. And his memory. He goes back to Los Angeles to find out who he was before he went to war. Turns out he was a gangster. Stepping out of the train station he's arrested by the police as someone who was warned to stay out of town long ago. A girl on the street recognizes him as her ex-husband and makes it very clear she hates his guts. A gang leader beats the daylight out of him for an old double-cross. Welcome home, Eddie. Main plot gets under-way when the gang leader kills a detective and tries to pin the rap on Eddie. Eddie takes a lot of punishment in this one.

### **REVIEWS:**

"Amnesia has provided inspiration for an incredible melodrama bursting with violence in 'The Crooked Way'." 5 September 1949 New York Times Reviews