The Green Mile [1]

Today the news is filled with stories of people who have been wrongfully imprisoned. Set in the 1930s The Green Mile [2] tells the story of one such case. It tells the story of a large black man named John Coffey (like the drink only not spelled the same),
played by Michael Clarke Duncan, who was found with the murdered remains of two young girls in his arms. The trial was a quick open-and-shut case. The thought of whether Coffey is even capable of killing becomes a question in the mind of the guard overseeing the death row cells referred to as "the Green Mile." The Green Mile [2] features a strong ensemble cast with Tom Hanks as head guard, David Morse as his friend and fellow guard and Doug Hutchison as the new guard on the block... with connections.

Being a Stephen King story you can guess that there is much more to the story than a simple mystery of who really killed the two girls. All I will say is there is ample evidence that Coffey was not the killer and none of it would stand up in court today. The Green Mile [2] is not just about Coffey, it's about the men who guard the prisoners; their lives, their hopes, the meaning of good and evil, and a small white mouse.

In many ways The Green Mile is a "feel good" movie but it is not one for the faint of heart. It will make you think about life, death, justice, mercy and a myriad of other things. If you haven't seen The Green Mile I encourage you to take the time to view it. If you have seen it, perhaps it's time to watch it again.
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