

Director Agustí Villaronga

> Cast Francesc Colomer

Sergi López Eduard Fernández Laia Marull Marina Comas Nora Navas Roger Casamajor

Genre Drama

Language Catalán

> Length 108 min

Produced by Massa d'Or Produccions Cine I AV, S.L. and

Televisió de Catalunya, S.A.









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SYNOPSIS

11-year-old Andreu witnesses the last few seconds in the lives of a little boy and his father. The boy's last word is "Pitorliua" – the name of a mysterious ghost living in a cave in the woods. The local police, investigating the bodies that lie below the cliff in the woods, initially label it an accident but soon come to see it as murder. The only suspect is Andreu's father Farriol. Andreu's world begins to fall apart. His beloved father and hero goes underground to hide from the police and his exhausted mother is forced to work extra hours in a run-down factory just so they can survive.

To keep him safe, Andreu is taken to live on a farm in the country where his grandmother and her daughters – widows of the war – find their own way to survive through tough times with his cousins.

Here he is faced with the grim realities of a post-war country for the first time. To cope with his feelings of fear and loss, he creates a fantasy world, made up of his menagerie of birds, local myths and legends and a risky but rewarding friendship with a contagious boy living with other similarly infected people in a convent, isolated from the rest of the village. Yet Andreu cannot escape reality for long. When the police make it clear that they are not searching for other suspects, he decides to find the real killer...

THE DIRECTOR

Award winning cult director Agustí Villaronga represents the thrilling edge of Spanish cinematography in the way that David Lynch or Gus Van Sant represent it for the US cinema. Unique in his style, he is renowned for splendid visuals while delivering powerful dramas. Agustí Villaronga is best known for his debut "In a glass cage," which premiered at Berlin Film Festival, "The Sea", the winner of the Berlinale's Manfred Salzgeber Award and nominee for the Berlinale's Golden Bear, as well as "El Niño De la Luna," that won the Goya Film award for Best Script and has been nominated for the Cannes Film Festival's Golden Palm.



