



DO ENGINES HAVE A SOUL

by Wolfgang Ettlich (MGS Filmproduktion)



SYNOPSIS

In 1908 the first car race around the world took place. All across the USA, Asia, Siberia and Europe. Hans Koeppen from Berlin was one of the six rivals that ventured the 20.000km long route. The film takes us on an adventurous trip that turns into a journey through time. Always close to the German driver we experience the fascinating race. Following the original route the film brings to life his victories and failures. At the same time Koeppen's diary gives insight into the life and mentality in different cultures a hundred years ago. The dream of mobility developed very differently - on one side the United States, coined by mobility, on the other the poor and rural areas in Asia and Russia. The film focusses on the last century and tells the story of how technology, communication and ultimately even society have been changed by the automobile.

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Wolfgang Ettlich (MGS Filmproduktion)

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85 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

HAT DER MOTOR EINE SEELE?
1908 - Im Auto um die Welt

FORMAL CATEGORIES

History, Travelling, Adventure

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

PREMIERE

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PRODUCTION COMPANY

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