



GERDA'S SILENCE

by Britta Wauer



SYNOPSIS

In the beginning was a broken taboo: the boy Knut asked his 'aunt Gerda' from Amerika who was on a visit to the GDR what had become of her child that nobody ever dared to mention. Horrified silence around the coffee table. Knut felt confused and ashamed - he would never forget this Sunday afternoon. 30 years later, Knut Elstermann sees Gerda in New York and asks the same question again. She tells him about close family ties and friendships of the pre-war era, about Jewish friends and acquaintances' survival, but also about deportation and death. It is the story of a search for truth in files, in testimonies of contemporary witnesses and her memory. Filmmaker Britta Wauer followed up Gerda's story. Based on Gerda's encounter with Knut, his persistent questions which finally got an answer, she creates, with great respect and unmistakable affection for her protagonist, the portrait of a woman who with a defiant courage to face life built a new life for herself after Auschwitz. The starting...

CAST AND CREW

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