

HAPPY

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SYNOPSIS

It's probably every daughter's worst nightmare: a postcard from Thailand that reads: "My darling, I'm doing great here, eating Pad Thai and drinking Chang Beer. And I met a woman who is your age. Love, Dad."

My father Dieter has changed a lot in the past couple of years. After separating from my mother, he exchanged his hiking boots for flip-flops and travels to Thailand every year for a couple of weeks. Sometimes he travels alone, sometimes with friends – all of whom are divorced and over 60. My father says that he is having the time of his life in Thailand. I think to myself: Oh my God, is my father a sex tourist? What does he want from a Thai woman, 30 years younger than him? And what the hell does she want from him?

My father and I travel to Thailand together, where I meet my almost stepmother and her family. Slowly but surely I begin to realize that there are no definite answers to my various indignant questions.

HAPPY is an affectionate, ruthless, cheerful and very...

FESTIVALS

2016

DOK Leipzig

Audience Award Rheinischen Post – Duisburger Filmwoche

Kasseler Dokfest

2017

Docpoint Helsinki

Berlin & Beyond Filmfestival San Francisco

CineDoc Tiflis

International Documentary Film Festival DOKer Moskau

LOLA@BERLINALE, shortlisted for German Film Award – Best

Documentary

2024

5 LETsDOK

Germany 2016

83 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Family, POV, Travelling

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Author's film

PREMIERE

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