



MY HEART OF DARKNESS

by Marius van Niekerk, Staffan Julén



SYNOPSIS

In higher political circles, debate still continues on the issue of who won the Angolan Civil War (1975-2002), the Cold War's final theater of conflict. It began as a struggle for independence and developed into a drawn-out civil war. But the victims of the conflict know the truth: nobody won. And so do the soldiers who created the victims, as this gripping personal documentary testifies. The film revolves around Marius van Niekerk, who initiated the project, co-directed with Staffan Julén, and provides the voice-over. At the start of the film, this Swedish-South African veteran explains how the gnawing memories of his deeds during the Angolan War caused him to lose everything: his self-respect, his land, his reason, his innocence and his wife. Now he leads three fellow veterans on a journey along the river Kwando. Like him, Patrick, Mario and Sammy are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Thirty years ago, they fought on opposing sides of the conflict and now they are...

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Marius van Niekerk, Staffan Julén · PRODUCER Christian Beetz · SCREENPLAY Marius van Niekerk, Staffan Julén · EDITOR Clas Lindberg · DOP Peter Östlund

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90 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

War/Peace, Politics, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

English

PREMIERE

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