



# THE FORGOTTEN ARMY

by Signe Astrup



## SYNOPSIS

When the Berlin Wall crumbled down in 1989 and six months later East and West Germany united, more than 250.000 highly skilled East German soldiers lost their jobs, their homeland and everything they believed in.

Stasi officers, border guards, and police agents social image plummeted from "model citizens" to criminal perpetrators blamed for their part in Germany's dark 20th century history.

More than 25 years later filmmaker Signe Astrup meets some of those former GDR soldiers who today find themselves living on the edge of society. Some cling to their old beliefs and vows of loyalty to the GDR where their identity and future were clear and life had meaning.

## CAST AND CREW

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