



# THE LEGEND OF THE UGLY KING

by Huseyin Tabak



## SYNOPSIS

They called him The Ugly King! A myth, a hero, a film legend. Who was Yilmaz Güney? A highly talented director? A revolutionary? A murderer? A genius or a lunatic?

Young director Hüseyin Tabak is searching for answers by conducting research for a script about the Kurdish filmmaker from Turkey. Güney was sentenced to more than 100 years in prison. Mainly for political reasons but also for murdering a judge. He started making movies from jail. His most famous film YOL won the Palme d'Or in 1982. The deeper Hüseyin digs, the more the legendary Ugly King appears human and vulnerable.

## FESTIVALS

TIFF Toronto, Duhok IFF, Typical Turkish Films LineUp Cologne;

awarded with GRANIT at the Int. Hofer Filmtage

20th TDF - Thessaloniki International Documentary

HKIFF42 - Hong Kong Film Festival

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Huseyin Tabak

Germany 2017

122 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Current Affairs, Politics

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Kurdish, Turkish, English, German, French, Spanish

### PREMIERE

Germany (2017)

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