



THE MAPMAKERS FROM GOTHA

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SYNOPSIS

THE MAPMAKERS FROM GOTHA tells the story of cartographic publisher Justus Perthes.

'Justus Perthes' in Gotha had been the world center of cartography until its cartographers were forced to draw a border in 1945 signaled the end of their business. While the Perthes family had to flee to the West in order to continue producing maps, the Perthes publishing house in the then-East German city of Gotha became the state- owned enterprise VEB Hermann Haack.

After the fall of the Wall in 1989, 7th-generation mapmaker Stephan Perthes, passionately fights to reclaim the company headquarters in Gotha. He attempts together with a group of VEB Hermann Haack

employees to return the publishing house to its former splendor.. The film follows the pursuit of this dream and reveals whether it ultimately succeeds.

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Otto Schuurman, Joachim Jäger · PRODUCER Irene Höfer

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77 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, History

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

PREMIERE

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