

Himmel oder Hölle

("Heaven or Hell")

Germany : 1990 : dir. Wolfgang Murnberger :

: 75 min

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Cast unknown

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Pesky redskins – the Black Forest is crawling with 'em

Source for both stills: CVMC website

CVMC video retail/rental website review:

"In this childhood memoir, a boy of about eleven years grows up in an often peculiar world where his relatives own a butchery and porno shop. Vignettes include childhood play and sexual awakening.

Rated NR: adult themes [sic]; brief nudity; sexual themes; violence (mostly against animals)

Language: German

Categories: Biography, Boy Films, Little to Preteen, Coming-of-Age, Drama

NOTE: This movie is in German with NO ENGLISH SUBTITLES OR DUBBING.

About half the film is on Black & White."



[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Bloomsbury Foreign Film Guide", "The Critics' Film Guide", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. "Full of crazy ideas... surrealist and poetic" says *Die Welt*. Doubtless much play is made on the parallels between the meat trade downstairs and the meat trade upstairs, but so long as the juxtaposition is surrealist and challenging rather than moralistic, the equation is valid enough. To throw a young boy into the mix seems a risky strategy for 1990, but one would have to see how the director handled it. In one sense, growing up in a porn shop could be a healthy thing for a boy, at once demystifying sex for him and alerting him to the more squalid avenues of adult behaviour. Children living in sweetshops rarely become sugar junkies, one suspects.

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