



El Sur (The South)

A film by Víctor Erice

"One of the best in Spanish cinema history"
Pedro Almodóvar

Recalling her youth in northern Spain during the 1950s, Estrella revisits her relationship with her beloved father Agustín, who was raised in the south, and realises how little she knew of him and his secrets. Víctor Erice's delicate and mysterious film reveals his abiding fascination with memory and loss, missed opportunities and the links between private dreams and political realities. Following its well-received theatrical release in September, *El Sur* now comes to DVD and Blu-ray, released by the BFI on 23 January 2017 in a Dual Format Edition.

The performances, like the meticulously lit compositions and the evocative soundtrack, are superb throughout; Omero Antonutti is a charismatic Agustín, while Sonsoles Aranguren and Iciar Bollain shine, as respectively, the young and teenaged Estella.

Although less well-known than Erice's *The Spirit of the Beehive*, *El Sur* is exquisitely beautiful and profoundly moving.

Special features

- Presented in both High Definition and Standard Definition
- *Haunted Memory: The cinema of Víctor Erice* (Adrian Martin, Cristina Álvarez López, 2016, 13 mins): a video essay celebrating the great Spanish director
- *Víctor Erice interviewed by Geoff Andrew* (UK, 2003, 83mins, audio only)
- Theatrical re-release trailer (2016)
- Fully illustrated booklet featuring essays by Geoff Andrew and Mar Diestro-Dópido and full film credits

Product details

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Spain / 1983 / colour / 95 mins / Spanish language with English subtitles / original aspect ratio 1.66:1 // BD50: 1080p, 24fps, PCM mono audio (48k/24-bit) // DVD9: PAL, 25fps, Dolby Digital mono audio (192 kbps)

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