

Film title

Persian Lessons

Tagline

He lied to survive

Short synopsis

A young Jewish man pretends to be Iranian to avoid being executed in a concentration camp.

Long synopsis

Occupied France, 1942. Gilles is arrested by SS soldiers alongside other Jews and sent to a camp in Germany. He narrowly escapes sudden execution by swearing to the guards that he is not Jewish, but Persian. This lie temporarily saves him, but Gilles gets assigned a life-or-death mission: to teach Farsi to Head of Camp Koch, who dreams of opening a restaurant in Iran once the war is over. While the suspicions of Koch grow every day, Gilles understands that he will not be able to keep his secret for very long...

Technical information and credits

Original title: Uroki farsi

English title: Persian Lessons

Year: 2020

Country: Belarus, Germany, Russia

Language: de, fr, fa

Subtitles: cz

Running time: 123 min

Dostupnost: 15+

Genre: Drama, Historically, War

Directed by: Vadim Perelman

Written by: Ilja Zofin, Wolfgang Kohlhaase

Edited by: Vessela Martschewski

Cinematography: Vladislav Opelyants

Sound by: Evgueni Galperine, Sacha Galperine,

Awards

Berlinale - Special Gala - 2020

Actors

Nahuel Biscayart, Lars Eidinger

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