

Two Rembrandts In The Garden

1939: The Germans invade Poland. Mark's grandfather, Jack Atkin, is the manager of the successful, family-owned textile factory. He only has a few hours left to gather his belongings and bury them at his estate in Lodz before fleeing to London in an old, rusty car. He is the only person who knows where the treasure is buried and he passes the secret on to his son David, Mark's father. 2009, seventy years later: Mark Atkin undertakes an adventure through the lives of his grandparents and his entire family. He sets off for a deeply personal treasure hunt. The film carries us away into the history of the European Jews and portrays the attempt to understand their countless buried secrets. The bygone past suddenly acquires a fascinating relevance, and Mark Atkin begins an almost mystical journey through the political realities of modern Poland and the memory of the dwindling generation of survivors from a time that seems irrecoverably lost. The documentary illustrates the historical flashbacks with artistic animation and follows the character with great attention to detail and with a unique perspective. A modern fairy tale and an emotional journey with unexpected turns.



Der Schatz des Hauses Atkins

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