

The Ghost Writer

Directed by Roman Polanski
2010 (123')



The ghost writer is a journalist hired to help write the memoirs of ex-prime minister Adam Lang. Arriving at Lang's isolated island retreat, the writer begins to discover secrets and uncover information about his new employer, information that may be connected with the suspicious death of his predecessor – another writer whose body was mysteriously washed up on the beach.

The latest film from a great director of such films as *Chinatown*, *The Pianist*, *Tess*, and *Rosemary's Baby*.

"The Ghost Writer" is handsome, smooth and persuasive. It is a Well-Made Film. It's a reminder that you can lose yourself in a story because all a film really wants to do is tell it.

Chicago Sun-Times

Completed when the filmmaker was 76, "The Ghost Writer" shows no decline in Polanski's powers, no softening of his vision, no turning away from the big canvas in favor of delicate miniatures.

San Francisco Chronicle

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Vocabulary and Phrases

Ghost writer: A ghost writer is a writer who helps someone write their memoirs or autobiography.

What utter balls!: An expression (vulgar) used when disagreeing strongly with what someone has said or written = *What nonsense!*

To wrap something up: To finish or conclude a project or piece of work.

We need to wrap this up in a month.

Résumé: In US English a résumé is the equivalent of a curriculum vitae (cv)

They will hang you out to dry.: They will do all they can to harm you.

Cocky: Very self-confident and sure of oneself (used negatively)

I shouldn't be cocky.

Waterboarding: A method of torturing someone. A controversial method of getting "important information" from prisoners.

Horrid: Horrible

That'll be horrid for you.

Ta: In British English *ta* means thank you (informal)

To tickle someone's curiosity: To make someone curious

Your mention of a photograph rather tickled my curiosity.

Bewildered: If you are bewildered you are confused and cannot decide what to do

It's just that I'm rather bewildered.

Tricky: Difficult

I'm in a tricky position here.