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THE GEOGRAPHER film by Alexandr Veledinskiy HIS GLOBE AWAY

starring Konstantin Khabenskiy

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,2013, Russia Motion Picture Studio Red Arrow

, budget \$1000000 ~123 min., Colour, DCP, Russian

producer

Vadim Goryainov, Valeriy Todorovskiy, Leonid Lebedev

Alexandr Veledinskiy, (Alive, 2006; It's Russian, 2004) Rauf Kubaev, Valeriy Todorovskiy

Konstantin Khabenskiy (Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy, by Tomas Alfredson; Night Watch; Day Watch; Wanted, by Timur Bekmambetov), Elena Lyadova (Elena by Andrey Zvyagintsev; Tambourine, Drum by Aleksei Mizgiryov; Dreaming of Space by Aleksey Uchitel), Agrippina Steklova (Koktebel by Boris Khlebnikov, Aleksey Popogrebskiy, Once Upon a Time There Lived a Simple Woman by Andrey Smirnov)



synopsis

It is about Russian restless soul, or in other words is a full of self-irony story of a floundering loser. Young biologist Viktor Sluzhkin, suffering from lack of money, becomes a teacher of geography in a secondary school in the city of Perm'. At first he has to fight with pupils but he soon becomes their friend, taking them rafting. He quarrels with the Deputy Principal, drinks wine with his friends, tries to get on with his wife and takes his young daughter to the kindergarten. It is just a life... but Aleksey Ivanov wrote this ordinary private story with such recklessness, such tenderness, such acuteness that *The Geographer Drank His Globe Away* became, as it is often the case with good books, a story about everyone. It is a story about everyone who lost his way in life, about everyone who sometimes felt himself as desperately lonely as Viktor Sluzhkin, about everyone who, despite his solitude and depression, never lost the capacity to feel and to love.



PRODUCER STATEMENT (Valeriy Todorovskiy) Aleksey Ivanov's novel *The Geographer Drank His Globe Away* is undoubtedly the best modern Russian book about a school teacher. The novel is dramatic, humorous, absolutely honest and, at the same time, full of light, poetry, love for a school teacher, an ordinary person who can give himself to his pupils in an informal way. A movie filmed after this novel can become poignant for viewers of any age. Incredible characters of the grown-ups and the teenagers permit the actors to play exceptional roles.

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