

THE GHOST WRITER

Drama/Thriller



A ghostwriter hired to complete the memoirs of a former British prime minister uncovers secrets that put his own life in jeopardy.

An unremarkable ghost-writer has landed a lucrative contract to redact the memoirs of Adam Lang, the former UK Prime Minister. After dominating British politics for years, Lang has retired with his wife to the USA. He lives on an island, in luxurious, isolated premises complete with a security detail and a secretarial staff.

Adam Lang is embroiled in a major scandal with international ramifications that reveals how far he was ready to go in order to nurture UK's "special relationship" with the USA.

Before the ghost writer has even closed the deal with the publisher, he gets unmistakable signs that the turgid draft he is tasked to put into shape inexplicably constitutes highly sensitive material - and very soon, his life is in danger.

Rated: PG13 (LV) **Length:** 2 hours
Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Ewan McGregor, Jon Berthal



What they say?

Heading an outstanding cast, Brosnan delivers a strong performance that strikes the right balance between fear and arrogance. McGregor is also pitch perfect. Winner of a Silver Bear in Berlin for Best Director, The Ghost Writer shows Polanski at the top of his form and in total control of the medium. Even though he had to complete the final editing of his film in a Swiss jail and under house arrest in Switzerland, the fact that it still bears the stamp of his genius is a tribute not only to his art but also to his character.

"The Ghost Writer" is a stylish, edge-of-your-seat political thriller that, on the basis of suspense, twists, corruption, and an ensnared hero unable to grasp the enormity of what he's up against, can be looked on as a contemporary companion piece to Roman Polanski's "Chinatown." It's Polanski reveling in the art of skillful storytelling, and at age 76, it's clear he has not lost his touch.