



A WAR (KRIGEN)

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Season
2016

Release: 2015

Cert (UK): 15

Language: Danish and English

Runtime: 1 hr 53 mins

Director: Tobias Lindholm

Writer: Tobias Lindholm

Cinematographer: Magnus Nordenhof Jønck

Cast: Pilou Asbæk, Tuva Novotny, Dar Salim



Over the past few years, Denmark has gone from a 'back water' to a leader in the film industry, specialising in tense dramas and thrillers such as the TV drama 'Borgen' and films 'The Hunt' and 'A Hijacking' – all directed and/or written by Tobias Lindholm. In 'A Hijacking' he took us into the minds of the ship's crew and the hijackers; here he does the same thing, but following Captain Pedersen and his men on the battlefield in Afghanistan; by looking at a single battle, rather than the whole war, he concentrates our minds on the small decisions that make all wars alike, removing any attempts either side might make to justify them.

'While most Hollywood movies are so afraid of moral ambiguity that you'd think the old-school Production Code was in effect, here's a story that eschews easy answers and forces audiences to examine their own consciences while the characters do likewise' – Alonso Duralde, The Wrap.

Here, Pedersen is doing his best to improve the lot of the Afghans, but is still forced to go home having made a decision that affected both the Afghans and his men, and will continue to affect his life back in Denmark. The film is thus split in two first in Afghanistan, then in Denmark, following Pedersen's tour of duty.

Captain Pedersen is played by Pilou Asbæk, Lindholm's actor of choice, who you will recognize from 'Borgen' and 'A Hijacking'. The film was Denmark's nomination for Best Foreign Film at the Oscars this year.

