



The Sea

Autumn
Season
2013

Release: 2013

Cert (UK): 12A

Language: English

Runtime: 86 mins

Director: Stephen Brown

Screenplay: John Banville from his own novel of the same name

Cast: Ciaran Hinds, Charlotte Rampling, Sinead Cusack, Rufus Sewell



The story of a man who returns to the sea where he spent his childhood summers in search of peace following the death of his wife.

From Rotten Tomatoes – *'John Banville himself steps up to the challenge of writing a screenplay of his own novel - a difficult one to adapt. Despite it perhaps lacking a little ambition, The Sea*

cannot be faulted as a solid big screen adaptation which ably handles the parallel storylines and tricky mixtures of time and place. Under Stephen Brown's comfortable direction, the film is tasteful and even reserves itself some visual delights whilst never overindulging into aesthetic stylisation. The cast also deserves a shout out for some great performances, which convey the flow of the film and never give into easy eccentricities'.

Screenkicker website said *'intimate, superbly acted meditation on grief and abandonment that will make you think about how we cope with tragedy'.*

Marc Adams, chief film critic of Screen Daily wrote, *'the film's emotional still waters run deep and the film is gently watchable as a series of fine actors deliver nuanced and powerful performances.'*

Guy Lodge from Variety wrote *'This good, middlebrow adaptation of John Banville's Booker Prize-novel sacrifices structural intricacy for Masterpiece-style emotional accessibility.'*

This is the first film by director Stephen Brown, who has managed to get John Banville to write the screenplay from his own novel, and mustered a stellar cast of British actors to step up.

