



# BROTHER

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Autumn  
Season  
2023

**Release:** 2022

**Cert (UK):** 15

**Country:** Canada

**Language:** English

**Runtime:** 1 hour 59 mins

**Director:** Clement Virgo

**Written by:** Clement Virgo from a novel by David Chariandy

**Cinematographer:** Guy Godfree

**Cast:** Lamar Johnson, Aaron Pierre, Marsha Stephanie Blake



Two brothers and their mother, immigrants to Toronto in the 1970s violence there. Francis has to protect his younger brother Michael, whilst teaching him to become a man in the gang community they live in.

*'The result is a stunning, tender and compelling story of brotherly love, family and friendship that isn't afraid to challenge outdated notions of masculinity while offering us a searing portrait of community oppression and racism. Brother is a hauntingly beautiful cinematic adaptation of [author] Chariandy's work'* - Neil Baker, Cinerama Film.

*'Clement Virgo's 'Brother' is that wonderful thing: the unexpected standout. 'It's easily the best premiere of the [Toronto] fest for me. Virgo unabashedly admires the work of Barry Jenkins, particularly 'If Beale Street Could Talk,'... but he's also got his own confident, lyrical voice. His complex film unpacks Black grief in a way we haven't really seen that often. We've seen many stories about struggle and violence, but rarely the emotional and even physical toll that it takes on loved ones and an entire community'* - Brian Tallerico, RogerEbert.com.

