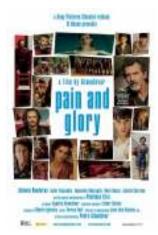


PAIN AND GLORY (Dolor y gloria)



Release: 2019 Cert (UK): 15 Country: Spain Language: In Spanish with English subtitles Runtime: 1 hour 53 mins Director: Pedro Almodóvar Writer: Pedro Almodóvar Cinematographer: José Luis Alcaine Cast: Antonio Banderas, Asier Etxeandia, Leonardo Sbaraglia, Penélope Cruz



Just about every critic has this down as the best film Almodóvar has done for some time and, as we like his films here in Keswick, this should be a treat for us.

Antonio Banderas plays Salvador Mallo (plays Almodóvar: this is semi-autobiographical), an ageing director who has not made a film in a while. We follow his suffering and memories through this 'achingly beautiful' film.

`Almodóvar's colours...aren't just a stimulant but an energy

source, like sugar: they get the eyes busy and keep them working, in turn heating up the brain's furnace. And

before long, the heart starts pumping harder as well. Everything about 'Pain and Glory' is awake and alive, and Almodóvar's nerve endings become ours, too -(Stephanie Zacharek, Time).

'Pain and Glory is Almodóvar's best work for years, marvellously framed and composed, comparatively restrained for him, hugely enjoyable moment by moment' – David Sexton, London Evening Standard.

