



The Black Brothers

Duration	01:40:00
Year of production	2013
Format	Fiction
Key talents	Moritz Bleibtreu, Richy Müller, Fynn Henkel, Oliver Ewy, Leonardo Nigro, Waldemar Kobus, Ruby O Fee, Catrin Striebeck, Sabine Timoteo, Dominique Horwitz
Director	Xavier Koller ("Journey of Hope")

Switzerland, 19th century. 14-year-old Giorgio is sold to a Milanese man who trains him to become a chimney-sweep. When the boy and his friends are threatened by a gang called the Wolves, Giorgio's friend Alfredo founds a rival gang, the Black Brothers. It's the start of an adventure with invigorating ups and terrible downs...

Academy Award® winning director Xavier Koller ("Journey of Hope," Best Foreign-Language Film 1991) delivers an uplifting, thought-provoking yet absolutely entertaining film based on a novel by Lisa Tetzner, who wrote it with her husband Kurt Held, author of the beloved young people's book "The Outsiders of Oskoken Castle." In her widely-read novel, Tetzner fictionalizes the real-life stories of rural Swiss children who were sold as slaves to "masters" north or south of the Alps – a scandalous practice in effect from 1276 to after World War II. Starring the gifted young Fynn Henkel as Giorgio and Moritz Bleibtreu as his antagonist, the film stresses the importance of friendship and loyalty during the coming-of-age years.

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