

K5400 KILLING FIELDS (USA, 1984)

(Other titles: La dechirure; Gritos del silencio; Uria del silenzio)

Credits: director, Roland Joffe ; writer, Bruce Robinson.

Cast: Sam Waterston, Haing S. Ngor, John Malkovich, Craig T. Nelson.

Summary: Historical melodrama set in 1970s Cambodia. Dith Pran (Ngor) is an aide, translator and friend of *New York times* reporter Sidney Schanberg (Waterston) who is covering the war in Cambodia in 1975. When Schanberg and other journalists reporting the collapse of the Cambodian government are captured by the Khmer Rouge, Dith Pran pleads for their lives telling the captors the journalists are French, not American. The journalists are released but Dith Pran is exiled to a labor camp in the countryside, where he endures four years of starvation and torture before escaping to Thailand.

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