



Isenhart

The first profiler tracking down serial killers in the Middle Ages!

During the High Middle Ages, hundreds of principalities are spread throughout the Holy Roman Empire, many of them warring continually with one another. The aristocracy reigns with an iron hand, leaving the majority of the people suffering in grueling servitude. The Church defiantly crushes its enemies with merciless authority and the Inquisition is born. For the knights of that era, it is a time of much bloodshed.

Isenhart, a bastard, grows up in Castle Laurin, convinced he is the illegitimate son of a blacksmith. Along with Konrad, Laurin's son and heir, he is privileged to study under his mentor, Walther of Ascisberg. One day his first love, Anna of Laurin, is found dead with her heart cut out.

The initial suspect is the vagrant merchant Alexander of Westheim, who blames Archbishop Wilbrand von Maulbronn. Confronted by Anna's father, Wilbrand begins a feud against the wealthy House of Laurin. Sentenced to death, the ill-fated merchant is buried alive, while Castle Laurin is destroyed. Konrad's parents are killed, and just a few - among them Isenhart, Konrad of Laurin and his sister Sophia of Laurin - barely manage to escape. But now they are stranded without any means.





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Years later, Isenhart and Konrad are working as watchmen in the city of Coellen. Suddenly, the two friends are called to the scene of a murder - an innkeeper's daughter, a virgin, has been slain. When Isenhart sees that her heart has been cut out, he realizes it must have been the same person who had killed Anna.

Together with Konrad, the physician Guenther and his son Henning, Isenhart sets out to track down the serial killer. Their quest leads them across the whole of the Empire to Toledo, where Jews, Christians and Arabs are peacefully living together and exchanging their knowledge.



Isenhart realizes they are not hunting a maniac, but a ruthless man who explores human anatomy despite the church's strict laws against blasphemy. He is torn between his yearning for justice and his admiration for the killer's scientific ambitions.

In Toledo, a scientist explains Isenhart the importance of the heart: here, the human soul is based. This serial killer is striving to attain mankind's most sought after goal - immortality!

Back in the Holy Roman Empire, not only have Isenhart and Sophia grown closer, but he and Henning have also become friends. They are both driven to learn if it is indeed possible to live forever.

But it is soon Henning that Isenhart begins to suspect. After confronting him, Henning takes Sophia of Laurin hostage and escapes to Maulbronn. During their pursuit, Isenhart and Konrad are captured and taken to a court that is presided over by Archbishop Wilbrand of Maulbronn - who is the beneficiary of Henning's gruesome research. While Henning satisfies his thirst for knowledge, it is Wilbrand who breathes in the victims' souls in order to stay young...



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Action / Adventure

Movie, 1 x 90'

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