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Pani Kluci

("Young Gentlemen")

Czechoslovakia : 1975 : dir. Verá Plivová-Simková :

: 87 min

prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

Michal Dymek; Peter Stary; Petr Vorísek

Iva Janzurova; Karel Augusta; Magda Reifová

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Speelfilm Encyclopedie review:

"This is a boys' adventure film after Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer". The mishaps and antics of four boys are uncovered [sic]. After all kinds of mischief they decide to shock the community by giving the impression they've been drowned in the river. When they show up at their own funeral with the money stolen from the bank, a reward awaits them rather than punishment. Not quite what we're used to from this kind of Czech film, but still good amusement. **½ "

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. It's a fairly straight steal from "Tom Sawyer", in fact, although not quite as literal as a contemporary Soviet adaptation, which was among the best "**TOM SAWYER**"s I've seen. Here there is no cousin Sid, no Aunt Polly, no Becky Thatcher and no Injun Joe, but the story still follows a very familiar path, right down to the "drowning" incident and the funeral. Czech children's director Verá Plivová-Simková made a number of naughty boy epics like this one which as usual are ignored by English-speaking countries. Seen in original Czech with Dutch subtitles, unfortunately too long ago to recall its strengths and weaknesses. The *Speelfilm Encyclopedie* comment about not being quite up to standard does sound fair, however.

Michal Dymek popped up again in "**INDIANI Z VETROVA**" (79), Peter Stary had been seen the year previously in "**DOBRODRUZSTVI S BLASIEM**", and Petr Vorísek went on to make "**OSTROV STRIBRNYCH VOLAVEK**" in '76. Nothing else is known about them.

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