

Sovsem Propashchi

("Hopelessly Lost")

U.S.S.R. : 1974 : dir.

: 93 min

prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

[Roma Madyanov](#) – or – [Mitya Yershov](#)

Adult cast unknown

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And where's the centre of focus in this design? Well it's not the fish...

Source: CVMC website

CVMC video retail/rental website review:

"Here's a vodka-laced version of the Mark Twain classic starring the blondest Huck Finn (Mitya Yershov), roughly ten years old, to yet hit the screen. A generally entertaining film which should be easy enough for non-Russian speakers to follow if they are at all acquainted with *"The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"*.

Rated NR: adult themes [sic]; brief nudity; mild violence

Language: Russian

Categories: Action/Adventure, Boy Films, Little to Preteen, Drama

Black and White and Colour. Most of the film is in colour; the print includes minor speckling.

NOTE: This movie is in Russian with NO ENGLISH SUBTITLES OR DUBBING."

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "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. My two sources on this – the CVMC website and *The Moving Picture Boy* – give different release dates and different names for the lead actor. So far so good then.

It may come as a surprise to some readers that the Soviet Union would have released a full-scale production of such quintessential Americana, but indeed many years ago I saw a Russian *"Tom Sawyer"* that was at least as good – and as faithful – as any US version of that book, and the U.S.S.R. also released its own version of *"Treasure Island"* – **"OSTROV SOKROVISHCH"** (71) and other western boys' classics, while Czech director Vera Simkova-Plivova made a thinly-disguised Czech version of *"Tom Sawyer"* as **"PANI KLUCI"** (76). For that matter, the first screen version of Twain's favourite work, *"The Prince and the Pauper"*, to feature a boy in the leading roles was the Austrian **"PRINZ UND BETTELKNABE"** in 1920. America didn't get around to casting boys as the leads until their fourth version, in 1937. Nothing else is known of Roma Madyanov, even if his name happens to be Mitya Yershov.

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