

Auf der anderen seite (The edge of Heaven)

Fatih Akin

Germany

Turkey

115 min

2007

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Synopsis:

Despite the misgivings of his son Nejat, Ali, a widower, decides to move in with Yeter, a prostitute who shares his Turkish origin. Nejat, a young German teacher, soon warms to Yeter when he realises that she sends most of what she earns to her daughter in Turkey to pay for her university education.

Yeter's accidental death drives a wedge between father and son. Nejat goes to Istanbul to search for Ayten, Yeter's daughter. He is unaware that Ayten, a 20-year-old political activist, has fled to Germany to escape the Turkish police.

In Hamburg Ayten becomes friendly with Lotte, a German student, who is quickly won over by the young Turkish woman's charm and political commitment. Lotte even invites Ayten to stay in her home, despite the qualms of her mother Susanne. Ayten is arrested and put in detention, and ultimately deported to Turkey, where she is sent to prison.

Lotte decides on the spur of the moment to drop everything and go to Turkey, where she runs into a brick wall of bureaucracy, with all her efforts to secure Ayten's release seemingly doomed to failure. She happens to meet Nejat and they become flat-mates. A tragic event prompts Susanne to travel to Istanbul to continue her daughter's quest. As he grows closer to Susanne, Nejat feels the need to be reconciled with his father, who now lives in Turkey, by the Black Sea. He decides to go and look for him.

Screenplay: Fatih Akin

Cinematography: Rainer Klausmann

Editing: Andrew D. Bird

Music: Shantel

Sound: Richard Borowski, Joerg Krieger, Kai Lüde

Art direction: Sirma Bradley, Tamo Kunz

Costumes: Katrin Aschendorf

Cast: Nurgül Yesilçay (Ayten 'Gül' Öztürk), Baki Davrak (Nejat Aksu), Tuncel Kurtiz (Ali Aksu), Hanna Schygul

(Susanne Staub), Patrycia Ziolkowska (Charlotte 'Lotte' Staub), Nursel Köse (Yeter / Jessy)

Producer: Fatih Akin, Andreas Thiel, Klaus Maeck, Erhan Özogul

Production: Corazón International, Ankafilm (TR)

Co-production: Ali Akdeniz, Funda Odemis, Erhan Özogul

World sales: Pyramide Distribution, Cinéart, A-Film Distribution, Artificial Eye

LUX Prize result:

The LUX Prize 2007 was awarded on 24 October 2007 to the German/Turkish film *Auf Der Anderen Seite* (The edge of heaven), directed by Fatih Akin. It was designated by the MEPs who saw one or more films. Parliament payed to subtitle Welcome into the EU's 23 official languages and for it to be adapted for the visually or hearing impaired. It also funded the production of a 35 mm print for each Member State.

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Links:

[1] <http://www.youtube.com/embed/8rhDyhIloM?autoplay=1&width=500&height=300&iframe=true>