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### In The Sign of the Lion

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**Theatrical Release Date:** Denmark, July 16th, 1976

**Director:** Werner Hedman

**Writers:** Werner Hedman, Edmond Jensen, Anders Sandberg

**Cast:** Sigrid Horne-Rasmussen, Ann-Marie Berglund, Else Petersen, Anne Magle, Ole Søltøft, Poul Bundgaard, Lizzi Varencke, Werner Hedman, Karl Stegger, William Kisum, Ib Mossin, Gina Janssen, Bent Warburg, Anne Bie Warburg, Judy Gringer, Lise Henningsen, Arthur Jensen, Toni Rodian, Gertie Jung, Magi Stocking, Louise Frevert, Vivian Lee Dann, Suzanne Bjerrehuus, Knud Jørgensen

**DVD Released:** May 19th, 2009

**Approximate Running Time:** 89 minutes

**Aspect Ratio:** 1.78:1 Anamorphic Widescreen

**Rating:** XXX

**Sound:** Dolby Digital Stereo Danish

**Subtitles:** English

**DVD Release:** Smirk

**Region Coding:** Region 0 NTSC

**Retail Price:** \$21.95



**Synopsis:** After being rejected by numerous publishing editors, two sisters decide to use their racy family history as the source of an erotic novel.

*In The Sign of the Lion* was co-written and directed by Werner Hedman, whose other notable films as a director includes *In the Sign of the Gemini*, *Agent 69 Jensen - In The Sign of Scorpio* and *Agent 69 Jensen in the Sign of Sagittarius*. The screenplay for *In The Sign of the Lion* was co-written by Edmond Jensen and Anders Sandberg, both writers also collaborated with director Werner Hedman on a pair of soft core spy films titled *Agent 69 Jensen - In The Sign of Scorpio* and *Agent 69 Jensen in the Sign of Sagittarius*.

The plot for *In The Sign of the Lion* is told via present day and flashbacks. Two spinster women novelists who are tired of not being able to sell any of their previous works decide to base their next novel on the exploits of a sex crazed count they used to work for. Not wanting to tarnish their own names and for fear of the count's relative suing them for writing such a book. They convince their nephew to assume the public role of the book's author. No matter how full proof a brilliant plan like the one they concocted sounds, there is

always something that goes wrong. Visually some stands out moments include a flashback sequence involving glory holes and another flashback scene where a jealous husband is fooled when he tries to identify his wife via her public hair (which has been dyed to hide her identity). The bulk of the sex scenes and naughty bits occur during the films flashbacks. The scenes are all extremely well executed and inventive.

Performance wise everyone is pitch perfect. This film features another superb performance from Ole Søltoft in the role of Toni Bram, the nephew of the two ladies who really wrote the book he has been credited as the author of. His standout scene is when his character dresses in drag and pretends to be the sister he never had. Familiar faces in the cast include Anne Bie Warburg (*Justine and Juliette*), Gina Janssen (*Agent 69 Jensen - In The Sign of Scorpio*, *Agent 69 Jensen in the Sign of Sagittarius*, *Sadomania*) and Poul Bundgaard (*Justine and Juliette*).

#### The DVD:

*In The Sign of the Lion* is presented in an anamorphic widescreen that frames the image in a 1.78:1 aspect ratio. The framing of the image is never tight or compromised. Colors look nicely saturated, flesh tones look accurate and black levels look strong throughout. The image look sharp, expect during flashback scenes which has a softer look to them. This transfer has not been flagged for progressive playback.

This release comes with one audio option a Dolby Digital stereo mix in Danish. The audio like the video is in great shape and there are no problems with distortion or background noise. Removable English subtitles that are easy to follow and error free have been included.

The extra content included with this release is an image gallery that plays like a featurtte with music from the film playing in the background. Overall this is another well rounded release from Smirk that gives the film its English friendly language release.



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