



YOU ARE NOT ME

A FILM BY MARISA CRESPO AND MOISÉS ROMERA

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LOGLINE

Aitana returns home for Christmas for the first time in three years, only to find that her parents have replaced her with an unknown woman who is being treated like their daughter – and uncovers a dark and disturbing secret.

SUMMARY

Aitana returns home for the first time in three years, excited to introduce her wife and their adopted infant son to her extended family and celebrate Christmas together. The family villa in the Spanish countryside is exactly as she remembers – except for the addition of Nadia, a Romanian refugee who has claimed Aitana's bedroom, her clothes, and her family heirlooms. Why have Aitana's conservative parents, long suspicious of immigrants, embraced the mysterious Nadia with such uncharacteristic warmth? Is Nadia a shrewd usurper, or an unwitting vessel for darker forces spreading across the land? A twisty thriller that locates the uncanny in the reflexive cordiality of the holiday season, YOU ARE NOT ME is a dark and disturbing dispatch from the most irrational realm: family.



DIRECTORS' STATEMENT FROM MARISA CRESPO AND MOISÉS ROMERA

The biological family is the closest, most intimate, most irremediable social form to which we belong. That which is imposed on us by chance, to which we will belong forever in an objective way, to which we are linked through our genes and which will mark us from childhood throughout our lives. The one from which we cannot escape.

The family is an ideal. There are balanced families, well-balanced, responsible and full of love, respect and admiration. But it is not always like that. Perhaps it is rarely like that.

Many of our works speak about dysfunctional families, about parents who do not know or do not want to play their role in the family and of children who suffer the consequences. This idea obsesses us a little as we, the authors, also grew up with dysfunctional families in our childhood. Furthermore, we have been teachers for two decades and have seen dozens of cases where parents marked their children's lives for the worse.

A few years ago we read a strange news item on the BBC website: every summer for the past 140 years, members of an elitist "secret society" called Bohemian Grove have spent two weeks together in isolation, in the company of other rich and powerful men, to perform a pagan ritual in which they, dressed in robes and carrying torches, set fire to a twelve-metre high statue of an owl after reciting a few chants. Most likely, where conspirators see a core of evil and power-seeking, they simply hide a handful of rich people who aspire to relate to people of their status and talk about their business by going around among equals. Or maybe not... What is clear is that, like Bohemian campers, most of us need to belong to a group, where we feel integrated, protected and, if possible, valued. This need is manifested in its most basic form, the one in which we grow up: in the family nucleus. In our script we wanted to combine both ideas of family, both the primary one — parents, siblings, partner, children — and the belonging to an identitary, snobbish and exclusive social group.



CAST

Aitana	Roser Tapias	Directors	Marisa Crespo and Moisés Romera
Dori	Pilar Almeria	Writers	Marisa Crespo and Moisés Romera
Oriol	Álvaro Báguena	Producers	Marisa Crespo producer
Justo	Alfred Picó		María José Rocher line producer
Pepita	Pilar Martínez		Moisés Romera producer
Gabi	Yapoena Silva	Music by	Joan Vilà composer
Nadia	Anna Kurika	Director of Photography	Víctor Entrecanales
Saúl	Jorge Motos	Editing by	Moisés Romera
Nicolás	Jonathan D. Mellor	Art Direction by	María Jesús Tarazona
João	Boubcar Djitte Silla	Costume Design by	Arancha Rodríguez
		Makeup Artist	Yulianne Luján

CREW



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