

The Wall (Die Wand)
A film by Julian Roman Pölsler
Austria/Germany, 2011, 108 min.



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Martina Gedeck, best known for her performance in *The Lives of Others*, now stars in *The Wall*, a contemporary female Robinson Crusoe story. Based on Marlen Haushofer's best-selling eponymous novel from the 1960s, the film is a highly original exploration of the experience of solitude and survival.

Gedeck plays an unnamed Austrian woman who goes to a secluded Alpine hunting lodge with her cousin (Ulrike Beimpold) and the latter's husband (Karl Heinz Hackl) who, shortly after their arrival, decide to visit the nearest village. When the couple does not return the next morning the woman sets out for the village and discovers an invisible wall, behind which there appears to be no sign of life. The wall now separates her from the rest of the world. Left behind with a dog, a cat and a cow, she must try to survive alone in the forest. She keeps a record of her thoughts, her fears and the hardship she suffers although nobody might ever read her outpourings. Martina Gedeck brings the role to a rare and vivid intensity.

'Julian Roman Pölsler's spectacularly-shot, highly intelligent adaptation of Marlen Haushofer's early 1960s bestseller is riveting and emotionally involving from start to finish'

Jonathan Romney, *Screen International*

'Visual majesty'

Boyd Van Hoeij, *Variety*

CAST	CREW
Martina Gedeck	Director and Writer Julian Roman Pölsler
Karl Heinz Hackl	Based on the novel by Marlen Haushofer
Ulrike Beimpold	Image J. R. P. Altmann, Christian Berger, Markus Fraunholz, Martin Gschlacht, Bernhard Keller, Helmut Pirnat, Hans Selikovsky, Thomas Tröger, Richi Wagner
Wolfgang Maria Bauer	Editing Bettina Mazakarini, Natalie Schwager, Thomas Kohler
Hans-Michael Rehberg	Sound Uve Haussig, Gregor Kienel, Markus Kathriner
Julia Gschnitzer	Sound Design Johannes Konecny, Marcel Spisak, Achim Hofmann, Philipp Mosser, Nils Kirchhoff Line Producer Jimmy C. Gerum Production Manager Bruno Wagner Produced by Rainer Koelmel, Antonin Svoboda, Martin Gschlacht, Wasiliki Bleser.
	A Coop99 Filmproduktion, Starhaus Filmproduktion production, in association with BR, Arte, with the participation of ORF.

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