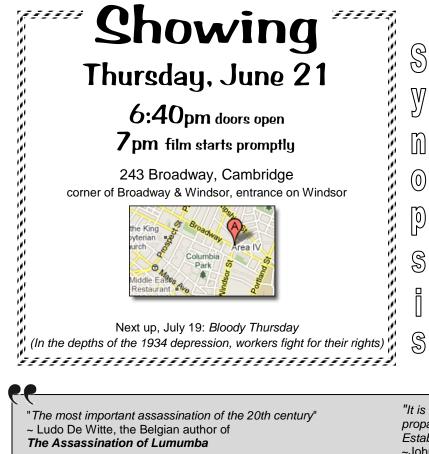


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King Leopold's Ghost

[108 min]

The modern history of the Congo is a terrifying story of appalling brutality. Beginning with King Leopold II of Belgium's avaricious rape of the country and tracing the impact of this horrifying and often-forgotten crime through to the modern day, this immensely shocking film is a heart-rending tale of a rich country destroyed by rapacious
Western hands. Leopold was responsible for the death of an estimated 10 million Congolese (1885 - 1908).

In June 1960, Patrice Lumumba became the first legally elected prime minister, vowing to bring true independence to the Congo. On January 17,1961, he was assassinated in a joint CIA-Belgium venture. The CIA's front man, despot Mobuto Sese Seko, then began a brutal and corrupt dictatorship that lasted until 1997, with support and backing from the US.

The film is based on Adam Hochschild's book of the same name, which documents the crimes committed by European colonial rulers in Africa. It was refused by nine of the ten U.S. publishing houses to which an outline was submitted. It went on to become an unexpected bestseller.

"It is the function of the CIA to keep the world unstable, and to propagandize and teach the American people to hate, so we will let the Establishment spend any amount of money on arms." ~John Stockwell, former CIA official and author