

ANGELA'S ASHES (1999)

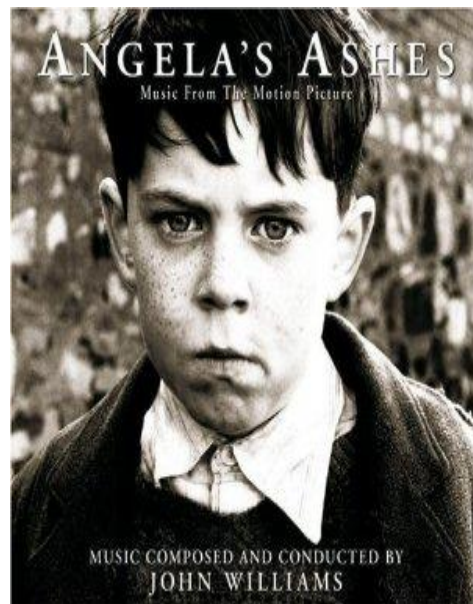
The film is based on a book that tells the author's own biography, Frank McCourt. It was directed by Alan Parker and starred by English actors.

The film is set in Ireland and it was shot in Limerick (Ireland) in 1999. It was nominated for an Oscar for its original soundtrack.

The plot is about Frank McCourt's childhood, from his birth in 1930 to the age of nineteen.

He lives in New York with his family and he's the oldest of five siblings. His parents decide to return to their native Ireland when their youngest daughter dies. Once there, they live in an old and dirty house, where there are too many fleas and bedbugs. The father hardly ever works. He's lazy and an alcoholic. Therefore, they live thanks to charity. One day, he goes to London and finds a job there. However, he never sends money to his family, so Frank begins to help his mother by picking up coal, but he falls ill from typhus. Shortly after this, he gets his first job in the post office and while he helps his family, he dreams of returning to New York. In fact, the film ends when Frank embarks to America at the age of 19.

I recommend this film because it's a drama that shows us how a child fights to survive and gets his dreams. However, to be honest, I enjoyed more reading the book maybe because it has more details than the film.



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