If you don’t know much about the history of the country and its remnants of regal splendor, after watching *Obsluhoval jsem anglického krále*, this curiously rewarding film according to Bohumil Hrabal’s masterpiece, you will know more. A lot more. The politics. The humour. The cultures. The aspirations. The troubled relations with neighbouring empires. And the incredible resilience of its individuals. *I Served the King of England* condenses an epic novel into two hours and squeezes in fancy hotels, bars, brothels, woods, invading armies and more. All are collected in a dizzying montage, as the ambitious yet philosophizing hero reviews the highs and lows of his life oblivious to major historical events surrounding him.

In Czech with English subtitles. 120 mins.

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