

# The last king of Scotland

**Director: Kevin MacDonald**  
**2006 (120')**



The last King of Scotland was Idi Amin, the brutal dictator of Uganda throughout the 1970's. He was the King because he said so and those who didn't like what he said, well, they ended up dead, at best.

Dr Garrigan is a newly qualified doctor from Scotland who comes to Uganda for a bit of adventure and maybe to help the locals while doing so. One fateful day Amin's and Garrigan's paths cross and the two become inseparable, both seduced by power and the excesses power can bring.

*At its heart of darkness, the film is about the lure of power. It's a condemnation of all the dictators' men over all time. San Francisco Chronicle*

*The Last King of Scotland ... is, above all things, a fantastic display of old-fashioned character acting from Forest Whitaker in a satanically villainous role. The Guardian*

*Forest Whitaker's portrayal of Amin as a charismatic leader capable of the utmost cruelty captures his complex character and shows how Garrigan could at first be captivated and then repulsed by the leader - a man who could be by turns comical and murderous. The Times*

## **Vocabulary and expressions:**

**On your marks! Get set! Go!:** This is frequently said to start a race

**Hop in!:** Get in (the car)

**To be worth a few bob:** Used informally in British English meaning to be worth quite a lot of money

*I bet you that's worth a few bob.*

**Naughty:** Mischievous; badly-behaved (often used to/about children)

*You are very naughty*

**I gather... / as far as I can gather...:** Expressions used to introduce some

information that you have found out

**To clasp somebody to your bosom:** To be very fond of somebody; to hold somebody dear

*I gather the President has clasped you to his bosom.*

**Bear with me:** An expression used when asking somebody to be patient

**A bad omen:** A bad sign; something that brings bad luck or disaster

*I'm a bad omen.*

**To betray somebody or something:** To do something (e.g. give away information or secrets) that can harm a person or country

*Somebody has betrayed me.*

**A traitor:** The person who betrays

*I am surrounded by traitors.*

**To flee:** To escape from a place or person

*Apparently, he's fled to Tanzania.*

**To embezzle:** To take money illegally from an organisation and use it for your own purposes

*It appears he's embezzled a hundred thousand pounds of ministry funds.*

**Be bound (to happen):** If you say that something is bound to happen you are sure that it will happen

*It's the President's hospital. He's bound to find out.*

**Cheeky:** Slightly rude or disrespectful (but in an amusing way)

*You are very cheeky.*

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