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THE LAST CONFESION OF ALEXANDER PEARCE

1 X 90' **HD**



HISTORY



The Last Confession of Alexander Pearce follows the final days of Irish convict Alexander Pearce's life as he awaits execution. The year is 1824 and the British penal colony of Van Diemen's Land is little more than a living hell. Chained to a wall in the darkness of a cell under Hobart Gaol, Pearce is visited by Father Connolly, the parish priest of the fledgling colony and a fellow Irishman.

Connolly spends three days listening to Pearce's account of what really happened and records the confession in his native Gaelic. As Pearce reflects on the horror of what happened in the rainforest, Connolly struggles with his religious doctrine. How can he possibly grant absolution to someone who has committed such barbaric crimes?



This is simply one of the most harrowing tales ever told. It is the chronicle of a man's suffering at the cruel hands, fists, feet and minds of his captors. The scale of torture to which he was subjected is terrible. Pearce faces every humiliation imaginable and many incomprehensible. He endured violation of body and mind, chillingly calculated to drive him insane. This is more than a record of a glimpse into the darkness.

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