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Bernie

In Theatres: Apr 27, 2012

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Starring: [Jack Black](#) [3],

[Shirley MacLaine](#) [4],

[Matthew McConaughey](#) [5],

[Brady Coleman](#) [6],

[Richard Robichaux](#) [7]

Studio(s): [Millennium](#) [8]

Director(s): [Richard Linklater](#) [9]

Genre: [Comedy](#) [10]

Running Time: 1 Hour, 44 Minutes

PG-13

Brief Strong Language and Some Violent Images

Director Richard Linklater teams with writer Skip Hollandsworth for this darkly comic docudrama detailing the unusual friendship between a likable Texas mortician and a wealthy but reviled widow, and the shocking crime that followed. Inspired by Hollandsworth's 1998 Texas Monthly article that first caught the attention of Linklater, Bernie takes place in Carthage, TX, where effeminate mortician Bernie Tiede (Jack Black) enjoys a reputation as a friendly and upstanding member of the community. Marjorie Nugent (Shirley MacLaine), on the other hand, couldn't hold a lower position on the local social scale. Repressed and bitter, nasty Marjorie has isolated herself from her neighbors, and as a result has been essentially shunned in her small town. The moment Bernie shows Marjorie a shred of kindness, she clings to him tightly and refuses to let go. Meanwhile, as Marjorie becomes



Bernie's sugar mama and the pair becomes inseparable, the local rumor mill begins to churn. Eventually, her intense jealousy becomes too much for Bernie to take. When the caustic widow's body is discovered stuffed in her own freezer, local District Attorney Buck Davidson (Matthew McConaughey) vows that justice will be served, but he finds it difficult to build a convincing case against Bernie as the locals rally to his defense.

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