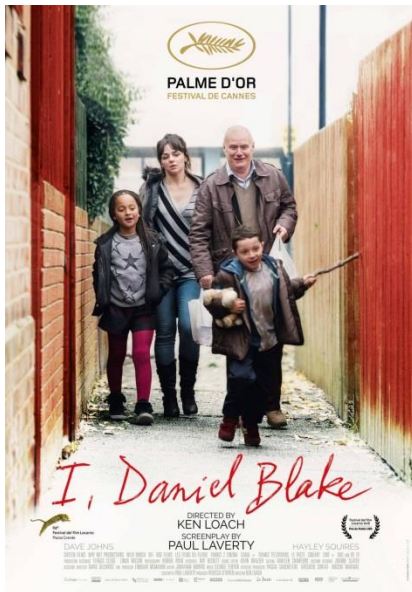


STUDY GUIDE OF THE FILM “I, DANIEL BLAKE”

2016 – Director Ken Loach



Recovering from a heart-attack, widower Dan is desperate to get back to work as a carpenter but is told by doctors he is not fit enough to do so. Unfortunately, the job centre forms don't recognise his situation, forcing Dan to navigate a digital-only process despite never having used a computer before, to look for a job he is unable to take. Exasperated by job centre staff, he witnesses single mum Katie being told off for missing an appointment and steps in to help, but they are swiftly kicked out and left to fend for themselves.

A. - Answer the following question on the film. Choose the best answer

1. When does the story take place?
a) In the Victorian period (mid-19th century) b) In the 80s c) Nowadays
2. Where does the story take place?
a) Norwich b) Newquay c) Newcastle d) Nottingham
3. Who are the 2 main characters? Who are her children?
4. Where do they meet?
a) At the foodbank b) at the job centre c) at the hospital d) in prison

B- Say if these statements are TRUE or FALSE

- a) Daniel Blake has stomach problems.
- b) Katie and her children are from London.
- c) Daniel Blake is married with children.
- d) Daniel and Kate fall in love.
- e) Daniel's young neighbour sells counterfeit sneakers from Chinese factory because he can't find a real job.
- f) Daniel is helpless with IT and the new Technologies.
- g) Daniel is looking for a job as a carpenter.
- h) Daniel is sent to prison
- i) Kate is caught shoplifting and so her downfall begins.

- j) He wins his court appeal and gets his invalidity pension back.
- k) He was too poor to get a decent funeral.

C- Discussion

1. What do you think the director is trying to denounce?
2. Does he view the main characters as heroes?

D- Film Review

Write a review on the film