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No living filmmaker has been more obsessed with the state of the Russian soul than Alexander Sokurov. In his viscerally powerful *Alexandra*, this great filmmaker ponders the cost of war. Mother Russia herself, a blunt, grimly humorous, and totally unintimidated babushka (indelibly played by octogenarian opera diva Galina Vishnevskaya) pays a visit to her grandson's unit in Chechnya. She rides among the young recruits in a troop transport and later, a tank; however incongruous, her tour of inspection through this dusty, sun-bleached landscape has a terrible familiarity. Seldom has a filmmaker so directly addressed his fellow citizens.

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