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## The Secret Life of Snakes

### Im Reich von Kreuzotter & Co. - Österreichs Schlangen hautnah

They are among the most hated and feared animals on the planet - only few people recognize their beauty. This documentary features some of Europe's most stunning species, like the European adder, the nose-horned viper, the dice snake, the ringed snake and the Aesculapian snake. After a winter safe in burrows, sometimes in bundles of hundreds, the spring's warmth brings them back to life. Adders at 2,000 metres in the Alps have extra survival skills: they are almost pitch-black to absorb every last ray from the sun, and their offspring are born alive - it would be too cold for eggs. Storks and herons, martens and polecats predate their lower altitude cousins. Most snakes avoid humans. The Aesculapian snake likes to shimmy up trees to catch birds, but it's happiest where humans store grain or dump waste - that attracts lots of mice. And Europe has its own constrictor! So watch out next time you're walking in the park ...



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**Directed by** Kurt Mündl

**A co-production by ORF and Power of Earth, in association with Kultur Niederösterreich, Carinthia Film Commission, Umweltagentur und Umweltschutzverein NÖ**

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