

THE PASSION OF THE MAO

We've been inundated with serious docs about China that do their best to package an entire civilization's history into an hour or two. Here's one that takes a different route.

Mao tells the leader's story in an irreverent, almost madcap way. It mixes the history of the Cultural Revolution with animation, humor and a few nervous ticks to create an interesting take on the author of the *Little Red Book*. Whether or not it's enough to start a Permanent Revolution in the history genre is yet to be seen, but in the meantime, this feature demonstrates how even potentially dry history can be made entertaining.

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