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Boudu Sauve des Eaux

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The film is an early masterpiece by one of the undisputed giants of cinema, Jean Renoir. The story is set in 19th century Paris, and it's equal parts farce, social satire and existential drama. BOUDU SAVED FROM DROWNING, aka BOUDDU SAUVE DES EAUX, is a unique by that famous recorder of the emerging bourgeois class, Honore de Balzac.


For U.S. students of cinema, BOUDU SAVED FROM DROWNING holds a unique place in the film history as Boudu, a Parisian tramp rescued from drowning by a kindly Parisian.

BOUDDU SAVED FROM DROWNING was released on 4 May 1932 in Paris. The film was produced by Société Sirius and distributed by Société Polisling. The story is about a Parisian tramp, Boudu, who is rescued from drowning by a Parisian bookseller, Monsieur Lestingois.


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