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PICK**

Lassie

Peter O'Toole, Samantha Morton, Peter Dinklage

PG, 99 mins., 2006

This gorgeous-looking, unsentimental retelling of the valiant collie's bravery features a delicate performance by sweet-faced Jonathan Mason as the quiet British lad who loves Lassie and loses her. As Lassie makes her way back from Scotland to Yorkshire, she encounters Dinklage as a canny carny and O'Toole as a grumpy but kindhearted grandee.

EXTRAS No commentary, but in a featurette, director Charles Sturridge and the film's young costars are charmingly frank about the challenges of working with animals.

A- —Ken Tucker