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Literary Adaptations and Most Anticipated



12 Years a Slave 2013 • 133 min • Colour **20 Century Fox** Director: Steve McOueen Cast: Brad Pitt. Michael Fassbender. Chiwetel Ejiofor, Benedict Cumberbatch, Paul Dano, Paul Giamatti. Scoot McNairy

TEARS A SLAVE

Based on an incredible true story of one man's fight for survival and

freedom. In the pre-Civil War United States, Solomon Northup (Chiwetel Ejiofor), a free black man from upstate New York, is abducted and sold into slavery. Facing cruelty (personified by a malevolent slave owner, portrayed by Michael Fassbender), as well as unexpected kindnesses, Solomon struggles not only to stay alive, but to retain his dignity. In the twelfth year of his unforgettable odyssey, Solomon's chance meeting with a Canadian abolitionist (Brad Pitt) will forever alter his life.



The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug

2013 • 161 min • Colour • Alliance Films Inc.• Director: Peter Jackson Cast: Martin Freeman, Hugo Weaving, Elijah Wood, Cate Blanchett, Evangeline Lilly, Luke Evans, Richard Armitage, Ian Holm, Ian McKellen, Christopher Lee, Andy Serkis

After successfully crossing over (and under) the Misty Mountains, Thorin and Company must seek aid from a powerful stranger before taking on the dangers of Mirkwood Forest-without their Wizard. If they reach the human settlement of Lake-town it will be time for the hobbit Bilbo Baggins to fulfill his contract with the dwarves. The party must complete the journey to Lonely Mountain and burglar Baggins must seek out the Secret Door that will give them access to the hoard of the dragon Smaug. And, where has Gandalf got off to? And what is his secret business to the south?

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit 2014 • N/A • Colour **Paramount Pictures Director: Kenneth Branagh** Cast: Chris Pine, Kevin Costner, Keira Knightley, Kenneth Branagh, Colm Feore, Nonso Anozie, Karen David, Montego Glover Jack Ryan, as a young covert CIA analyst, uncovers a Russian plot to crash the U.S. economy with a terrorist attack.



HUNGER GA TEHIN

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire 2013 • 146 min • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Francis Lawrence • Cast: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, Sam Claflin, Elizabeth Banks, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Woody Harrelson, Stanley Tucci, Donald Sutherland

THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE begins as Katniss Everdeen has returned home safe after winning the 74th Annual Hunger Games along with fellow tribute Peeta Mellark. Winning means that they must turn around and leave their family and close friends, embarking on a "Victor's Tour" of the districts. Along the way Katniss senses that a rebellion is simmering, but the Capitol is still very much in control as President Snow prepares the 75th Annual Hunger Games (The Quarter Quell) - a competition that could change Panem forever.



The Book Thief 2014 • 131 min • Colour • 20th Century Fox • Director: Brian Percival Cast: Geoffrey Rush, Emily Watson, Sophie Nélisse, Ben Schnetzer, Nico Liersch, Joachim Paul Assböck, Kirsten Block

While subjected to the horrors of WWII Germany, young Liesel finds solace by stealing books and sharing them with others. Under the stairs in her home, a Jewish refuge is being sheltered by her adoptive parents.



Ender's Game 2013 • 114 min. • Colour Alliance Films Inc. **Director: Gavin Hood** Cast: Harrison Ford, Abigail Breslin. Asa Butterfield. Ben Kingsley, Viola Davis, Moises Arias, Aramis Knight The Earth was ravaged twice by the Buggers, an alien race

seemingly determined to destroy humanity. Seventy years later, the people of Earth remain banded together to prevent their own annihilation from this technologically superior alien species. Ender Wiggin, a quiet but brilliant boy, may become the savior of the human race. He is separated from his beloved sister and his terrifying brother and brought to battle school in orbit around earth. He will be tested and honed into an empathetic killer who begins to despise himself as he learns to fight in hopes of saving Earth and his family.

Literary Adaptations for Children & Young Adults



Shrek

2001 • 89 min. • Colour • DreamWorks SKG Director: Andrew Adamson. Victoria Jenson Cast: Eddie Murphy, John Lithgow, Linda Hunt, **Cameron Diaz, Mike Myers**

A cynical, no-nonsense ogre named Shrek is having his swamp overrun by annoying fairy tale creatures; the usual mice, pigs and wolves that plague storybooks everywhere. In an attempt to save his home. Shrek sets out to confront Lord Farguaad, ruler of Duloc, who has banished

all the fairy tale misfits from Duloc in order to create his own perfect world.



Charlotte's Web

2006 • 113 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures **Director: Gary Winick**

Cast: Dakota Fanning, Julia Roberts, Oprah Winfrev. Steve Buscemi, Kathy Bates, John Cleese, Thomas Haden Church, Robert Redford, Cedric the Entertainer, Jane Sibbett

Wilbur the pig is scared of the end of the season, because he knows that come that time, he will end up on the dinner table. He hatches a plan with Charlotte, a spider that lives in his pen, to

ensure that this will never happen.



The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

2010 • 113 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox **Director: Michael Apted** Cast: Ben Barnes, Skandar Keynes, Georgie Henley, Will Poulter, Bill Nighy, Gary Sweet,

Arthur Angel, Tony Nixon, Shane Rangi, Colin Moody, Terry Norris, David Vallon

Lucy and Edmund Pevensie return to Narnia with their cousin Eustace where they meet up with Prince Caspian for a trip across the sea aboard

the royal ship The Dawn Treader. Along the way they encounter dragons, dwarves, merfolk, and a band of lost warriors before reaching the edge of the world.



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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2005 • 106 min. • Colour • Warner Bros **Director: Tim Burton**

Cast: Freddie Highmore, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Ty Dickson, James Fox, Jordan Fry, David Kelly

Acclaimed director Tim Burton brings his vividly imaginative style to the beloved Roald Dahl classic Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, about eccentric chocolatier Willy Wonka (Depp) and Charlie, a good-hearted boy from a poor family

who lives in the shadow of Wonka's extraordinary factory. Long isolated from his own family. Wonka launches a worldwide contest to select an heir to his candy empire. Five lucky children, including Charlie, draw golden tickets from Wonka chocolate bars and win a guided tour of the legendary candy-making facility that no outsider has seen in 15 years. Dazzled by one amazing sight after another, Charlie is drawn into Wonka's fantastic world in this astonishing and enduring story.





Black Beauty

1994 • 87 min. • Colour • Warner Bros **Director: Caroline Thompson** Cast: Sean Bean, David Thewlis, Andrew Knott, Jim Carter, Peter Davison, Alun Armstrong A feature film adaptation of Anna Sewell's classic children's story about a time when horses were vital to men's lives – seen through the eyes of one horse who flourishes, suffers and finds happiness.



Gulliver's Travels

2010 • 100 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox **Director: Rob Letterman**

Cast: Jack Black, Jason Segel, Emily Blunt

Jack Black is bigger than ever... as Gulliver, a perpetual underachiever and wannabe travel writer at a New York newspaper. When he finally makes an effort to actually venture out the city to write a travel piece, a storm-tossed voyage lands him on an island inhabited by tiny folks called Lilliputians. After a rocky beginning, the

gargantuan Gulliver becomes an inspiration to his new six-inch-tall friends. He brings them modern-day wonders like a PDA and music video game – while they help him kick it old-school during his travels through this unforgettable world.



2009 • 100 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. **Director: Henry Selick** Cast: Dakota Fanning, Teri Hatcher, Jennifer Saunders, Ian McShane

Coraline Jones (Dakota Fanning) is bored in her new home until she finds a secret door and discovers an alternate version of her life on the other side. On the surface, this parallel reality is eerily similar to her real life and the people in it only much better. But when this seemingly per-

fect world turns dangerous, and her other parents (including her Other Mother voiced by Teri Hatcher) try to trap her forever, Coraline must count on her resourcefulness, determination and bravery to escape this increasingly perilous world - and save her family.



A Christmas Carol (1951) 1951 • 113 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox **Director: Brian Desmond Hurst** Cast: Alastair Sim, Kathleen Harrison, Jack Warner, Michael Hordern

This classic British adaptation stars Alastair Sim as Scrooge, whose misanthropic glare is reversed only after he has confronted the ghosts of the present, future, and past.

The Diary of Anne Frank

1959 • 170 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox • Director: George Stevens Cast: Millie Perkins, Joseph Schildkraut, Shelley Winters, Richard Beymer This real life diary of a young Jewish girl in Nazi-occupied Holland perfectly conveys the tension, claustrophobia, and intense hardships suffered by two fugitive families.







Diary of a Wimpy Kid

2010 • 92 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Thor Freudenthal Cast: Zachary Gordon, Robert Capron

To Greg Heffley, middle school is the dumbest idea ever invented. It's a place rigged with hundreds of social landmines, not the least of which are morons, wedgies, swirlies, bullies, lunchtime banishment to the cafeteria floor - and a festering piece of cheese with nuclear cooties. To survive the never-ending ordeal and attain

the recognition and status he feels he so richly deserves, Greg devises an endless series of can't-miss schemes, all of which, of course, go awry. And he's getting it all down on paper, via a diary - "it's NOT a diary, it's a journal!" Greg insists, preferring the less-sissyfied designation - filled with his opinions, thoughts, tales of family trials and tribulations, and (would-be) schoolyard triumphs. "One day when I'm famous," writes Greg, "I'll have better things to do than answer peoples' stupid questions all day." So was born the Wimpy Kid's diary.



Because of Winn-Dixie

2004 • 106 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Wayne Wang Cast: Jeff Daniels, Dave Matthews, Eva Marie Saint, Cicely Tyson

Based on the perennial best seller, a lonely young girl adopts an orphaned dog, Winn-Dixie (so named for the supermarket where she found him), who helps her make friends in the small Florida town. The bond between the girl and her special companion brings together the towns-

people, and helps heal her own troubled relationship with her father.



Hoot

2006 • 90 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Wil Shriner Cast: Luke Wilson, Logan Lerman, Brie Larson,

Cody Linley Three middle-schoolers take on greedy land developers, corrupt politicians, and clueless cops in the mystery adventure *HOOT* based on Carl Hiaasen's Newbery Honor-winning book. Produced by Jimmy Buffett, Frank Marshall (*Seabiscuit, Signs*) and Walden Media (*The Chronicles*)

of Narnia, Holes), HOOT revolves around a Montana boy who moves to Florida and unearths a disturbing threat to a local population of endangered owls. Determined to protect his new environment, the boy and his friends fight to prevent the adults from making a big mistake. Packed with surprising plot twists, quirky characters, and offbeat humor, HOOT is a classic story that's fun for all ages. HOOT is from a screenplay by Wil Shriner and directed by Wil Shriner and stars Logan Lerman, Brie Larson, Cody Linley and Luke Wilson. The film also features original music from producer Jimmy Buffett.

The Never Ending Story

1984 • 94 min. • Colour • Warner Bros • Director: Wolfgang Petersen Cast: Barret Oliver, Noah Hathaway, Tami Stronach, Moses Gunn A young boy is physically drawn into a fantasy novel he is reading and there he helps save an incredible world from destruction. A superb adventure-fantasy.



Harriet the Spy

1996 • 101 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Bronwen Hughes Cast: Michelle Trachtenberg, Rosie O'Donnell, Vanessa Lee Chester, Gregory Smith

Based on the Novel by Louise Fitzhugh. Sixth grader Harriet M. Welch is a savvy spy. Everyday, disguised in her foolproof spy outfit, the fearless sixth-grader travels her spy route, cannily observing the world around her and scribbling even the smallest detail into her secret spy notebook.

Harriet is determined to be a famous writer when she grows up. Her notebook is filled with candid and sometimes imaginary tales about her neighbours, her classmates, even her best friends, Janie and Sport. But when Harriet's classmates find her notebook and read its remarkable contents out loud, her life is turned upside down.



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Anne of Green Gables

1934 • 79 min. • Colour • TVA International Director: George Nicholls Jr. Cast: Anne Shirley, Tom Brown, O.P. Heggie, Helen Westley, Sara Haden, Murray Kinnell, Gertrude Messinger. Charley Grapewin.

The story of a young girl who finds adventure (and misadventure) as she makes her way from a series of unpleasant foster families and orphanage experiences to the paradise of P.E. Island and the sternly Cuthbert household of Green Gables.



2006 • 94 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Michael Mayer Cast: Maria Bello, David Burton, Kaylee DeFer, Sierra Doherty Gillin, Steve Fox, Ryan Kwanten, Alison Lohman

A young girl, Katy, adopts a wild mustang she names Flicka, only to see her father sell her now beloved companion. To win back Flicka's freedom, Katy secretly schemes to enter a dangerous wild horse race.



How the Grinch Stole Christmas! 1966 • 52 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Chuck Jones Cast: June Foray, Boris Karloff

Bitter and hateful, the Grinch is irritated at the thought of the nearby village having a happy time celebrating Christmas. So disguised as Santa Claus, with his dog made to look like a reindeer, he raids the village to steal all the Christmas things. The village is sure to have a sad Christmas this year.

National Velvet 1945 • 125 min. • Colour • Warner Bros • Director: Clarence Brown Cast: Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor, Anne Revere

Elizabeth Taylor and Mickey Rooney star in this Academy Award-winning classic about two children, their passion for a horse, and their determination to train in order to win the famed Grand National race.



Indian in the Cupboard

1995 • 97 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Frank Oz

Cast: Hal Scardino, Rishi Bhat, Litefoot

On Omri's ninth birthday, he got a skateboard and helmet, a skeleton warrior action figure, an old wooden cupboard his brother found in the alley and from his best friend Patrick, a miniature plastic Indian. Nice, but certainly nothing unique - or was it? A world of wonder and adventure is created for the boy named Omri when he

discovers that with the turn of a key, he can magically bring to life the three-inch-high toy Indian he placed in the old cupboard.



Ella Enchanted

2004 • 96 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Tommy O'Haver

Cast: Anne Hathaway, Hugh Dancy, Cary Elwes, Aidan McArdle, Joanna Lumley, Lucy Punch, Jennifer Higham, Minnie Driver, Eric Idle Ella (Anne Hathaway) has been cursed by her dimented fain godmather with the gift of

dimented fairy godmother with the gift of obedience. On the quest to find her godmother again to make her take back the "gift", Ella meets, and reluctantly falls in love with the Prince (Hugh Dancy) of Frell.



Eragon

2006 • 102 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Stefen Fangmeier Cast: Djimon Hounsou, Edward Speleers, Jeremy Irons, John Malkovich, Robert Carlyle, Gary Lewis, Alun Armstrong

In his homeland of Alagaesia, a farm boy happens upon a dragon's egg – a discovery that leads him on a predestined journey where he realized he's the one person who can defend his home against an evil king.



Inkheart

2009 • 105 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Iain Softley

Cast: Brendan Fraser, Sienna Guillory, Eliza Bennett, Richard Strange, Paul Bettany, Helen Mirren, Rafi Gavron, Matt King, Steve Speirs Mo has the special talent to bring characters out of books. One night he brings out three characters from Inkheart, a story set in medieval times

and filled with magical beings. Capricorn and Basta, two villains, and Dustfinger, a fire-eat-Meggie discovers the truth and it's up to ber to

er. Now, 10 years later Meggie discovers the truth and it's up to her to escape Capricorn's evil grasp.

Thumbelina

1994 • 85 min. • Colour • Warner Bros • Director: Don Bluth, Gary Goldman

Cast: Carol Channing, Charo, John Hurt, Gilbert Gottfried, Gary Imhoff A new version of the classic fairy tale about a tiny girl born to regular-sized parents. Although Thumbelina's stature is small, her adventures are bigger than life. Thumbelina grows up lonely, until one day she meets a fairy prince. Although the two are smitten with each other, they must overcome many obstacles until they can be together.



Flipped

2010 • 90 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Rob Reiner Cast: Rebecca De Mornay, Aidan Quinn, Anthony Edwards, Morgan Lily, Penelope Ann Miller,

ny Edwards, Morgan Lily, Penelope Ann Miller, John Mahoney, Madeline Carroll, Stefanie Scott, Michael Bolten

Juli Baker devoutly believes in three things: the sanctity of trees (especially her beloved sycamore), the wholesomeness of the eggs she collects from her backyard flock of chickens, and

that someday she will kiss Bryce Loski. Ever since she saw Bryce's baby blues back in second grade, Juli has been smitten. Unfortunately, Bryce has never felt the same. Frankly, he thinks Juli Baker is a little weird after all, what kind of freak raises chickens and sits in trees for fun? Then, in eighth grade, everything changes. Bryce begins to see that Juli's unusual interests and pride in her family are, well, kind of cool. And Juli starts to think that maybe Bryce's brilliant blue eyes are as empty as the rest of Bryce seems to be. After all, what kind of jerk doesn't care about other people's feelings about chickens and trees? With Flipped, mystery author Wendelin Van Draanen has taken a break from her Sammy Keyes series, and the result is flipping fantastic. Bryce and Juli's rants and raves about each other ring so true that teen readers will quickly identify with at least one of these hilarious feuding egos, if not both. A perfect introduction to the adolescent war between the sexes.



Night at the Museum

2006 • 105 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Shawn Levy Cast: Ben Stiller, Carla Gugino, Dick Van Dyke, Mickey Rooney, Bill Cobbs, Ricky Gervais, Kim Raver, Robin Williams

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM is an action-adventure-comedy that comes to life by night. Good-hearted dreamer Larry Daley (*Ben Stiller*), despite being perpetually down on his luck, thinks he's destined for something big. But even

he could never have imagined how "big," when he accepts what appears to be a menial job as a graveyard-shift security guard at a museum of natural history. During Larry's watch, extraordinary things begin to occur: Mayans, Roman Gladiators, and cowboys emerge from their diorama to wage epic battles; in his quest for fire, a Neanderthal burns down his own display; Attila the Hun pillages his neighboring exhibits, and a T-Rex reminds everyone why he's history's fiercest predator. Amidst the chaos, the only person Larry can turn to for advice is a wax figure of President Teddy Roosevelt (*Robin Williams*), who helps our hero harness the bedlam, stop a nefarious plot, and save the museum.



Nim's Island

2008 • 95 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Jennifer Flackett, Mark Levin Cast: Jodie Foster, Gerard Butler, Abigail Breslin, Sean Keenan

Anything can happen on *Nim's Island*, a magical place ruled by a young girl's imagination. It is an existence that mirrors that of her favorite literary character, Alex Rover - the world's greatest adventurer. But Alexandra, the author of the Rover books, leads a reclusive life in the big city.

When Nim's father goes missing from their island, a twist of fate brings her together with Alexandra. They rely on the steadfast courage of their fictional hero, Alex Rover, to inspire them to save the day. Based on the award-winning book by Wendy Orr, *NIM'S ISLAND* is a funny, high-energy adventure with a heartfelt twist.



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Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone 2001 • 125 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Chris Columbus Cast: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Richard Harris, Maggie Smith, Alan Rickman, Ian Hart, John Cleese Based on the first of LK Rowling's popular chil-

Based on the first of J.K. Rowling's popular children's novels about Harry Potter. The live action family adventure film *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* tells the story of a boy who learns

on his 11th birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. Summoned from his life as an unwanted child to become a student at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, Harry meets several similarly-gifted friends who become his closest allies and help him discover the truth about his parents' mysterious deaths at the hands of a powerful adversary.



The Golden Compass

2007 • 113 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Chris Weitz

Cast: Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig, Dakota Blue Richards, Ben Walker, Freddie Highmore, Ian McKellen, Eva Green, Jim Carter, Tom Courtenay In a parallel world ruled by The Magisterium where people's souls have animal shapes, the orphan Lyra Belaqua is educated in the Jordan College, and her uncle and Professor Lord Asriel is her tutor. Lyra accidentally overhears

a conversation about a research of Lord Asriel in the North Arctic and the existence of a powerful Dust that unites different worlds. When her best friend Roger is kidnapped by the evil Gobblers, Lyra promises to rescue him. She is invited to go to the North with the influent Mrs. Coulter and the Jordan's Vice-Chancellor secretly gives her a magic golden compass capable of revealing the truth. When Lyra finds that Mrs. Coulter is the leader of the Gobblers, she escapes from her house and the runaway girl begins an amazing adventure in a war to save her friend and other missing children with her allied Gyptians, Witches and the strong Armored Bear lorek Byrnison.



Hotel for Dogs

2009 • 100 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Thor Freudenthal

Cast: Don Cheadle, Emma Roberts, Lisa Kudrow, Kevin Dillon, Jake T. Austin, Kyla Pratt, Johnny Simmons, Troy Gentile, Robinne Lee

Animals are strictly forbidden at Andi and her little brother Bruce's foster home. But for Friday, the adorable dog they secretly care for, they're ready to risk everything. They finally find him an ideal shelter, a huge abandoned hotel that Bruce

transforms thanks to his engineering genius. In what has become an incredible paradise for dogs, Friday is soon joined by all kinds of furry friends, so many in fact that their barks alert the neighbors...and the local pound, who can't understand the disappearance of all the stray dogs. Andi and Bruce will have to call on all their friends and all their imagination to stop the hotel's secret from being discovered.



Horton Hears a Who

2008 • 86 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Jimmy Hayward, Steve Martino Cast: Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Jonah Hill, Seth Rogen, Will Arnett, Dan Fogler, Isla Fisher, Dane Cook, Jaime Pressly

One day, Horton the elephant hears a cry for help coming from a speck of dust. Even though he can't see anyone on the speck, he decides to help it. As it turns out, the speck of dust is home to the Whos, who live in their city of Whoville.

Horton agrees to help protect the Whos and their home, but this gives him nothing but torment from his neighbours, who refuse to believe that anything could survive on the speck. Still, Horton stands by the motto that, "After all, a person is a person, no matter how small."



How to Train Your Dragon 2010 • 98 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Dean DeBlois, Chris Sanders Cast: Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler, America Ferrera, Craig Ferguson, Jonah Hill, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Kristen Wiig, T.J. Miller Set in the mythical world of burly Vikings and wild dragons, and based on the book by Cressida Cowell, the action comedy tells the story of Hiccup, a Viking teenager who doesn't exactly fit in with his tribe's longstanding tradition of heroic

dragon slayers. Hiccup's world is turned upside down when he encounters a dragon that challenges he and his fellow Vikings to see the world from an entirely different point of view.



It's a Wonderful Life

1946 • 125 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Frank Capra Cast: James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Bar-

rymore, Thomas Mitchell, Henry Travers, Beulah Bondi, Frank Faylen, Ward Bond

George Bailey has so many problems he is thinking about ending it all - and it's Christmas ! As the angels discuss George, we see his life in flashback. As George is about to jump from a bridge, he ends up rescuing his guardian angel, Clarence.

Clarence then shows George what his town would have looked like if it hadn't been for all his good deeds over the years. Will Clarence be able to convince George to return to his family and forget about suicide?



Kit Kittredge: An American Girl

2008 • 101 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Patricia Rozema Cast: Julia Ormond, Chris O'Donnell, Jane Krakowski, Wallace Shawn, Max Thieriot, Willow Smith, Glenne Headly, Zach Mills, Kenneth Welsh, Madison Davenport, Joan Cusack

Kit Kittredge: An American Mystery' centres around a young girl living in the struggles of the Great Depression. 10 year old Kit lives in a boarding house her parents own in Cincinnati,

Ohio. She has a passion for writing, & dreams of having something of hers put in the local paper someday. With the help of her friends, Sterling & Ruthie, will her dream finally come true?



Lassie

1994 • 94 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Daniel Petrie

Cast: Tom Guiry, Helen Slater, Jon Tenney, Brittany Boyd, Frederic Forrest, Richard Farnsworth, Michelle Williams, Joe Inscoe

Now a new generation will encounter one of the world's most endearing stars in an exciting, contemporary motion picture adventure. As the Turner family travels from Baltimore to make a new start in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia,

they encounter a stray collie that seven-year-old Jennifer names Lassie. The dog becomes the unexpected companion of her cynical brother, 13-year-old Matt, as he explores a country side of striking natural beauty. With Lassie 's help, Matt persuades the family to take up sheep ranching when his father 's promised job falls through. All seems well until their neighbors, angered by a land dispute, decide to make their lives impossible and Lassie must come to the rescue.



Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole 2010 • 100 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Zack Snyder Cast: Emilie de Ravin, Hugo Weaving, Helen Mirren, Geoffrey Rush, Ryan Kwanten, Abbie

Cornish, David Wenham, Jim Sturgess, Sam Neill Soren, a young barn owl, is kidnapped by owls of St. Aggie's, ostensibly an orphanage, where owlets are brainwashed into becoming soldiers. He and his new friends escape to the island of Ga'Hoole, to

assist its noble, wise owls who fight the army being created by the wicked rulers of St. Aggies. The film is based on the first three books in the series.



The Polar Express

2004 • 108 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Robert Zemeckis Cast: Andrew Ableson, Debbie Lee Carrington, Tom Hanks, Eddie Deezen, Michael Jeter, Peter Scolari, Chris Coppola, Dylan Cash, Phil Fondacaro, Nona M. Gave

Believing in Santa Claus isn't easy when all of your friends and family insist he's just make believe. A boy's faith is rewarded one Christmas Eve when he's awakened by a steam train that

pulls up in front of his house and takes him and other children to the North Pole to meet Santa.



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The Princess Bride

1987 • 97 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Rob Reiner

Cast: Andre the Giant, Robin Wright, Peter Falk, Mandy Patinkin

A kindly grandfather sits down with his grandson and reads him a bedtime story. The story is one that has been passed down through from father to son for generations. As the grandfather reads the story, the action comes alive. The story is a classic tale of love and adventure as the beautiful But-

tercup is kidnapped and held against her will in order to marry the odious Prince Humperdinck, and Westley (her childhood beau, now returned as the Dread Pirate Roberts) attempts to save her. On the way he meets an accomplished swordsman and a huge, super strong giant, both of whom become his companions in his quest to rescue Buttercup.





The Secret Garden

1993 • 100 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Agnieska Holland Cast: Maggie Smith, Kate Maberly, Heydon Prowse, Andrew Knott, Laura Crossley Based on the classic children's story about a lonely

Based on the classic childrens story about a lonely orphan girl who goes to live with her uncle in a forbidding British manor house. There she finds friendship and happiness when she discovers and helps cultivate a wondrous secret garden.

How to Eat Fried Worms 2006 • 98 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Bob Dolman Cast: Luke Benward, Hallie Kate Eisenberg, Adam Hicks, Austin Rogers, Alexander Gould, Ryan Malgarini, Philip Bolden, Clint Howard, Ty Panitz Based on the hugely popular Thomas Rockwell book, *How To Eat Fried Worms* brings the classic story of a boy whose bravado lands him in a difficult predicament. The film revolves around 11 year old Billy, who inadvertently challenges the

school bully on his first day at a new school. In order to save face and earn the respect of his new classmates, Billy agrees to a bet that calls for him to eat 10 worms in one day. As the pressure mounts, Billy must summon all his strength to keep his younger brother from blabbing, his weak stomach from betraying him, and his big mouth from getting him in even more trouble.



Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events

2004 • 108 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Brad Silberling

Cast: Jim Carrey, Meryl Streep, Jude Law, Emily Browning, Liam Aiken, Kara Hoffman, Shelby Hoffman, Timothy Spall, Billy Connolly

This is the story of the Baudelaires, three young orphans, Violet (Browning), Klaus (Aiken) and Sunny, looking for a new home, who are taken in by a series of odd relatives and other people,

including Lemony Snicket, who narrates the film, and starting with the cunning and dastardly Count Olaf (Carrey), who hopes to snatch their inheritance from them. Violet is the oldest of the Baudelaires at 14, and is their brave and fast-thinking leader. The only boy is middle child Klaus, 12, who is intensely intelligent and obsessed with words. The youngest is infant Sunny, who speaks in a language only her siblings can understand, and she has a tendency to, bite...



Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer

2011 • 91 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: John Schultz Cast: Heather Graham, Preston Bailey, Jaleel

White, Janet Varney, Cameron Boyce, Ashley Boettcher, Jenica Bergere

Third-grader Judy Moody sets out to have the most thrilling summer of her life.



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Ramona and Beezus

2010 • 103 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Elizabeth Allen Cast: Selena Gomez, Joey King, John Corbett, Bridget Moynahan, Ginnifer Goodwin, Josh Duhamel

The adventures of young Ramona Quimby come to life in this all new film based on the best-selling books (over 91 million... and counting) by Beverly Cleary. Ramona's vivid imagination, boundless energy, and accident-prone antics are put to the

test when she helps her family face its biggest challenge. Along the way, Ramona must deal with her over-achieving older sister Beezus and the onagain, off-again romance between her Aunt Bea and Bea's former beau.



Whale Rider

2002 • 101 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Niki Caro

Cast: Keisha Castle-Hughes, Rawiri Paratene, Vicky Haughton, Cliff Curtis, Grant Roa, Mana Taumaunu, Rachel House, Taungaroa Emile, Tammy Davis

On the east coast of New Zealand, the Whangara people believe their presence there dates back a thousand years or more to a single ancestor, Paikea, who escaped death when his

canoe capsized by riding to shore on the back of a whale. From then on, Whangara chiefs, always the first-born, always male, have been considered Paikea's direct descendants. Pai, an 11 year old girl in a patriarchal New Zealand tribe, believes she is destined to be the new chief. But her grandfather Koro is bound by tradition to pick a male leader. Pai loves Koro more than anyone in the world, but she must fight him and a thousand years of tradition to fulfill her destiny.



Nancy Drew

2007 • 98 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Andrew Fleming Cast: Emma Roberts, Joanne Baron, Caroline Aaron, Marshall Bell, Cliff Bemis, Amy Bruckner, Brianna Canillas, Pat Carroll, Adam Clark Teen detective Nancy Drew (Roberts) accompanies her father on a business trip to Los Angeles,

nies her father on a business trip to Los Angeles, where she happens upon clues to a murder mystery involving a movie star.



The Pagemaster

1994 • 75 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: J. Johnston Cast: Macaulay Culkin, Christopher Lloyd, Whoopi Goldberg, Patrick Stewart

The Pagemaster, keeper of the books and guardian of the written word, sends a timid young boy on an animated adventure through the fiction section of the library, where the greatest stories of all time come to life.



The Ant Bully

2006 • 89 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: John A. Davis. Cast: Jake T. Austin, Nicolas Cage, Alan Cumming, Zach Tyler Eisen, Paul Giamatti, Myles Jeffrey, Regina King, Cheri Oteri, Julia Roberts, Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin

From Academy Award nominated filmmaker John A. Davis (Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius) and producers Tom Hanks and Gary Goetzman (The Polar Express), *The Ant Bully* tells a witty

and heartwarming story about a 10-year-old boy who embarks on a remarkable journey. New in town, friendless and tormented by a neighborhood bully, young Lucas Nickle has been taking out his frustration on the innocent ant hill in his yard. But one day the ants retaliate. Using a magic potion, they shrink Lucas down to ant size and sentence him to live like an ant in their colony. In this strange new world Lucas will learn important lessons about friendship, get a whole new perspective on life and ultimately find the courage to stand up for himself.



Puss in Boots

2011 • 90 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Chris Miller

Cast: Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek, Zach Galifianakis, Billy Bob Thornton, Amy Sedaris

Way before Puss ever met Shrek, our suave and furry feline hero goes on a swashbuckling ride, as he teams with mastermind Humpty Dumpty and the street-savvy Kitty to steal the famed Goose that lays the Golden Eggs.



The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2005 • 118 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Ken Kwapis Cast: Amber Tamblyn, Jenna Boyd, Alexis Bledel, America Ferrera, Ashley Hale, Erica Hubbard, Blake Lively, Kristie Marsden, Leonardo Nam, Michael Rady

The movie is based on the young adult book, *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, by Anne Brashers. As four best friends spend their first summer apart from one another, they share a

magical pair of jeans. Despite being of various shapes and sizes, each one of them fits perfectly into the pants. To keep in touch they pass these pants to each other as well as the adventures they are going through while apart.



The Seeker: The Dark is Rising 2007 • 98 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: David L. Cunningham Cast: Christopher Eccleston, Gregory Smith, Ian McShane, Jonathan Jackson, Wendy Crewson, Amelia Warner, James Cosmo, Frances Conroy, Jim Piddock

An 11 year old boy discovers that he is the last member of a group of immortals dedicated to fighting dark forces of evil. As he uncovers a series of clues, some dating back to biblical times,

the boy also discovers the future of the world rests in his hands.



The Lord of the Rings

2001 • 178 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Peter Jackson

Cast: Elijah Wood (Frodo Baggins), Sir lan McKellen (Gandalf), Sean Astin (Samwise Gamgee), Sean Bean (Boromir), Cate Blanchett (Galadriel), Orlando Bloom (Legolas), Billy Boyd (Pippin), Kevin Conway (Theoden), Martin Csokas (Celeborn), Brad Dourif (Grima Wormtongue), Bernard Hill, Ian Holm (Bilbo Baggins), Christopher Lee (Saruman), Dominic Monaghan (Merry), Viggo

Mortensen (Aragorn), John Noble (Denethor), John Rhys-Davies (Gimli), Andy Serkis (the voice of Gollum), Liv Tyler (Arwen), Karl Urban (Eomer), Hugo Weaving (Elrond)

The Fellowship of the Ring, tells how Gandalf the Grey discovered that the ring possessed by Frodo the Hobbit was in fact the One Ring, ruler of the Rings of Power. It recounts the flight of Frodo and his companions from the quiet Shire of their home.



Where the Wild Things Are 2009 • 100 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Spike Jonze

Cast: Forest Whitaker, Catherine Keener, James Gandolfini, Catherine O'Hara, Paul Dano, Lauren Ambrose, Tom Noonan, Max Records

An adaptation of Maurice Sendak's classic children's story, where Max, a disobedient little boy sent to bed without his supper, creates his own world a forest inhabited by ferocious wild creatures that crown Max as their ruler.



The Iron Giant

1999 • 87 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Brad Bird Cast: Jennifer Aniston, Harry Connick Jr., Eli Marienthal, Vin Diesel, Christopher McDonald A giant metal machine falls to Earth in 1958 and frightens the residents of a small town in Maine, until it befriends a nine year old boy named Hogarth and ultimately finds its humanity by unselfishly saving people from their own fears and prejudices.



her Aunt Miranda's.

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The Witches

1990 • 91 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Nicolas Roeg Cast: Jasen Fisher, Mai Zetterling, Anjelica Houston, Rowan Atkinson

A nine year old boy and his grandmother discover adventure when they encounter the high witch and her diabolical plot to turn all of England's children into mice.

Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm 1932 • 75 min. • Black & White • 20th Century Fox Director: Allan Dwan Cast: Shirley Temple, Randolph Scott, Jack Haley,

Bill "Bojangles" Robinson Shirley sings and dances as a talented stage child who wins a broadcasting contest, then is lost by the advertising agency and turns up at



We Bought a Zoo

2011 • 124 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Cameron Crowe Cast: Scarlett Johansson, Matt Damon, Elle Fanning,

Thomas Haden Church, Patrick Fugit Acclaimed filmmaker Cameron Crowe ("Jerry

Maguire'') directs a story about finding joy, the power of family, and the triumph of hope. A widowed father buys a dilapidated zoo in hopes of making a fresh start. While facing enormous odds to keep the zoo open, he must find the

courage to recommit to his children and to their new life together. Based on a true story.



The Mighty

1998 • 100 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Peter Chelsom Cast: Harry Dean Stanton, Gena Rowlands,

Elden Henson, Douglas Bisset, Joseph Perrino, Dov Tiefenbach, Michael Colton, Daniel Lee, Eve Crawford

This tells the story of a strong friendship between a young boy with Morquio's syndrome and an older boy who is always bullied because of his size. Adapted from the novel, Freak the

Mighty, the film explores a building of trust and friendship. Kevin, an intelligent guy helps out Maxwell to improve his reading skills. In return, Kevin wants Maxwell to take him out places since he is not allowed out unauthorized. Being the social outcasts of the town, Kevin and Maxwell come to realize that they are similar to each other and accept that they are "freaks" and nothing will stop them.



Stardust

2007 • 128 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Matthew Vaughn Cast: Charlie Cox, Claire Danes, Robert De Niro, Sienna Miller Michelle Pfeiffer, Jacon Elemung

Sienna Miller, Michelle Pfeiffer, Jason Flemyng, Sarah Alexander, Ben Barnes

In a countryside town bordering on a magical land, a young man makes a promise to his beloved that he'll retrieve a fallen star by venturing into the magical realm.



The Call of the Wild 1935 • 78 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: William A. Wellman Cast: Clark Gable, Jack Oakie, Laretta Young, Reginald Owen, Frank Conroy

The screen adaptation of Jack London's powerful novel about survival in the Klondike captures the lusty, brawling atmosphere of Alaskan gold rush days.

Heidi

1965 • 95 min. • Colour • Warner Bros • Director: Werner Jacobs Cast: Eva Maria Singhammer, Gertaud Mittermayr, Jan Koester, Gust Knuth

A fine retelling of a classic children's story about a young girl who leaves her cozy home in the Swiss Alps for adventure in the world below.



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Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief

2010 • 117 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Chris Columbus

Cast: Logan Lerman, Uma Thurman, Rosario Dawson, Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean, Catherine Keener, Kevin McKidd, Joe Pantoliano, Erica Cerra, Steve Coogan

Based on the first of a series of best selling novels, *PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF* is set in a modern world

where the twelve gods of Mount Olympus (perched 600 stories above the planet on New York's landmark Empire State Building) are alive and are creating a new race of young mythological heroes who are demigods – half mortal, half god. Percy, the teenage son of Poseidon, is suspected by Zeus of stealing his lightning bolt, the universe's most powerful weapon. To prove his innocence and avoid a devastating war among the gods, Percy embarks on a transcontinental odyssey to find the real thief. Along his journey, he confronts fierce enemies determined to stop him, and attempts to save his mother from the deadly clutches of another Greek god, Hades.



A Little Princess 1995 • 99 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Alfonso Cuaron Cast: Eleanor Bron, Liam Cunningham, Liesel Matthews, Rusty Schwimmer, Arthur Malet

Based on the family classic by Frances Hodgson Burnett, the story tells of a wealthy, precocious and loving child who is raised in India and sent by her beloved father to a New York boarding school when he goes off to war. She must use

her inner resources of warmth, imagination and principle to overcome hardship when she is informed that her father has been lost in combat and she is alone and penniless.



Shiloh

1997 • 93 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Dale Rosenbloom Cast: Michael Moriarty, Scott Wilson, Blake Heron, Rod Steiger, Ann Dowd, Bonnie Bartlett

An abused beagle runs away from his owner. On the road, he meets young Marty Preston and follows him home. The boy immediately forms a bond with the dog and names him Shiloh. His stern father won't let him keep the dog because

it belongs to Judd Travers, a local hunter. After Shiloh is mistreated again, he runs away and returns to Marty. Knowing his father will once again make him bring Shiloh back to Judd, he makes a home for the dog in an old shed up the hill from the Prestons' house and hides him from his family. His secret is soon discovered when a stray attacks the dog one night and he must turn to his father for help.



A Tale of Two Cities 1935 • 126 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Jack Conway Cast: Ronald Colman, Basil Rathbone, Edna May Oliver

A Tale of Two Cities is Dicken's classic story of a brilliant lawyer whose love for a young French aristocrat leads him to a courageous sacrifice during the bloody French Revolution.



1997 • 85 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Betty Thomas Cast: Eddie Murphy, Ossie Davis, Oliver Platt, Peter Boyle, Richard Schiff, Kristen Wilson, Jeffrey Tambor, Kyla Pratt

A talented physician, *Dr. John Dolittle* (Murphy) has long suppressed a very special talent he possessed as a child: the ability to communicate with animals. But now, as a "responsible" adult, more everyday concerns occupy his time. Un-

fortunately, Dolittle's wife and two young daughters have taken a back seat to his medical and fiscal ambitions. All that changes when, driving home one evening, Dolittle barely misses hitting a stray dog. When the pooch, Lucky, turns around and gives him a piece of his mind, Dr. Dolittle's long dormant talents are re-awakened ... with a vengeance! After a period of stunned disbelief, Dr. Dolittle can no longer deny his unique verbal skills. Owls, horses, guinea pigs – virtually every member of the animal kingdom – are now seeking his medical advice. And Dr. Dolittle's new four-legged and furry friends, in turn, teach him a few things about being human.



War of the Buttons

1994 • 95 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: John Roberts Cast: Gregg Fitzgerald, Gerard Kearney, Darragh Naughton, Kevin O'Malley, John Cleere "War of the Buttons" explores the intense rivalries and friendships, the fantasies and the sudden insights and compassion, that are the essence of childhood.



The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn 2011 • 107 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Steven Spielberg Cast: Jamie Bell, Daniel Craig, Andy Serkis, Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Gad Elmaleh, Toby Jones, Mackenzie Crook

Tintin and his friends discover directions to a sunken ship commanded by Capt. Haddock's ancestor and go off on a treasure hunt.

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The Godfather

1972 • 171 min • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Francis Ford Coppola

Cast: Marlon Brando, James Caan, Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton

The definitive, Oscar-winning record-breaking, trend-setting crime film. A serious, epic vision of an Italian-American family features Marlon Brando as the utterly amazing Corleone patriarch. An acknowledged cinematic masterpiece.



Clockwork Orange 1972 • 137 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Stanley Kubrick Cast: Malcolm McDowell, Patrick Magee

A mind shattering experience of brilliant artistry – Stanley Kubrick, creator of Dr. Strangelove has reconfirmed his impeccable direction and technical mastery in this merciless vision of the near future based on Anthony Burgess' chilling novel.

The Great Gatsby 2012 • 142 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Baz Luhrmann Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio, Joel Edgerton, Carey Mulligan, Isla Fisher, Gemma Ward, Callan McAuliffe, Amitabh Bachchan, Jason Clarke Nick Carraway, a Midwesterner now living on Long Island, finds himself fascinated by the mysterious past and lavish lifestyle of his neighbor, Jay Gatsby. He is drawn into Gatsby's circle,

Atonement



2007 • 123 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Joe Wright

becoming a witness to obsession and tragedy.

Cast: Saoirse Ronan, Ailidh Mackay, Brenda Blethyn, Julia West, James McAvoy, Harriet Walter, Keira Knightley, Juno Temple, Felix von Simson, Charlie von Simson, Alfie Allen

When Briony Tallis, 13 years old and an aspiring writer, sees her older sister Cecilia and Robbie Turner at the fountain in front of the family estate she misinterprets what is happening thus

setting into motion a series of misunderstandings and a childish pique that will have lasting repercussions for all of them. Robbie is the son of a family servant toward whom the family has always been kind. They paid for his time at Cambridge and now he plans on going to medical school. After the fountain incident, Briony reads a letter intended for Cecilia and concludes that Robbie is a deviant. When her cousin Lola is raped, she tells the police that it was Robbie she saw committing the deed when in fact it was a visitor to the estate.

Dangerous Liaisons

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1988 • 123 min. • Colour • Warner Bros • Director: Stephen Frears Cast: Glenn Close, John Malkovich, Michelle Pfeiffer, Swoosie Kurtz, Keanu Reeves, Mildred Natwick

The film, set on the eve of the French Revolution, is a comedy/ drama about an 18th century rogue who bets his ex-lover that he can seduce a virtuous young woman.



Gone with the Wind

1939 • 220 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Victor Fleming Cast: Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh, Leslie Howard, Evelyn Keyes, Ann Rutherford, George Reeves, Fred Crane. Hattie McDaniel

Scarlett is a woman who can deal with a nation at war, Atlanta burning, the Union Army carrying off everything from her beloved Tara, the carpetbaggers who arrive after the war. Scarlett is beautiful. She has vitality. But Ashley, the man

she has wanted for so long, is going to marry his placid cousin, Melanie. Mammy warns Scarlett to behave herself at the party at Twelve Oaks. There is a new man there that day, the day the Civil War begins. Rhett Butler. Scarlett does not know he is in the room when she pleads with Ashley to choose her instead of Melanie.



Angela's Ashes

1999 • 145 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Alan Parker

Cast: Emily Watson, Robert Carlyle, Joe Breen, Ciaran Owens

Based on Frank McCourt's Pulitzer Prize-winning, memoir, the story tells of a boy born in Depression-era Brooklyn to recent Irish immigrants and raised in the slums of Limerick, Ireland. Frank's mother, Angela (Emily Watson), has no money to feed the children since Frank's father, Malachy

(Robert Carlyle), rarely works and when he does he drinks his wages. Yet Malachy – exasperating, irresponsible and beguiling – does nurture in Frank an appetite for the one thing he can provide: a story. Wearing rags for diapers, begging a pig's head for Christmas dinner and gathering coal from the roadside to light a fire, Frank endures poverty and near-starvation "to tell his tale with eloquence, exuberance and remarkable forgiveness."



Bridget Jones' Diary

2001 • 97 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Sharon Maguire

Cast: Renée Zellweger, Gemma Jones, Celia Imrie, James Faulkner, Jim Broadbent, Colin Firth, Charmian May, Hugh Grant, Paul Brooke, Felicity Montagu, Shirley Henderson, Sally Phillips

Can a single woman over 30, who smokes too much, drinks too much, and has a tendency to say whatever comes into her mind, find her place in the world... and a man? Bridget Jones

is an assistant at a London book publisher, feeling time pass her by. When Daniel Cleaver, her boss, starts flirting with her in a vulgar way, she plunges straight in. An affair ensues and she's head over heels. She also keeps running into Mark Darcy, a reserved even stiff barrister who has known her since she was a child young enough to frolic naked in his wading pool, seems to look down his nose at her, and hates Cleaver (truth is, Daniel may be a bit of a bounder). What are Bridget's choices?

Precious

2009 • 109 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. • Director: Lee Daniels Cast: Gabourey 'Gabby' Sidibe, Mo'Nique, Paula Patton, Mariah Carey, Lenny Kravitz, Sherri Shepherd, Nealla Gordon

Claireece Precious Jones endures unimaginable hardships in her young life. Abused by her mother, raped by her father, she grows up poor, angry, illiterate, fat, unloved and generally unnoticed. So what better way to learn about her than through her own, halting dialect.



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Breakfast at Tiffany's

1961 • 115 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Blake Edwards Cast: Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard, Mickey Rooney, Patricia Neal

One of the screen's Best-loved romances, this dazzling romantic comedy stars Aurdrey Hepburn as a free-spirited golddigger and George Peppard as a frustrated young writer. They fall in love and each exerts a positive influence on the other in this delightful early movie directed by Blake Edwards.



Brokeback Mountain

2005 • 134 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Ang Lee

Cast: Heath Ledger, Jake Gyllenhaal, Randy Quaid, Valerie Planche, David Trimble, Victor Reyes, Lachlan Mackintosh, Michelle Williams, Larry Reese, Marty Antonini

Set against the sweeping vistas of Alberta's Rocky Mountains, this film tells the story of two young men - a ranch-hand and a rodeo cowboy - who meet in the summer of 1963 and unex-

pectedly forge a lifelong connection, one whose complications, joys and tragedies provide a testament to the endurance and power of love.



Dolores Claiborne

1995 • 132 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Taylor Hackford

Cast: Kathy Bates, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Christopher Plummer, Judy Parfitt, David Strathairm

Selena St. George (Jennifer Jason-Leigh), a successful New York journalist on the brink of a major story, is suddenly forced to confront her troubled past when her mother, *Dolores Claiborne* (Kathy Bates) is accused of murdering her employer, rich society matron Vera Donovan.



The Notebook

2004 • 123 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Nick Cassavetes Cast: Ryan Gosling, Tim Ivey, Rachel McAdams, Starletta DuPois, James Garner, Gena Rowlands,

Starletta DuPois, James Garner, Gena Rowland Sam Shepard, Anthony-Michael Q. Thomas, Joan Allen, Ed Grady

The movie focuses on an old man reading a story to an old woman in a nursing home. The story he reads follows two young lovers named Allie Hamilton and Noah Calhoun, who meet

one evening at a carnival. But they are separated by Allie's parents who disaprove of Noah's unwealthy family, and move Allie away. After waiting for Noah to write her for several years, Allie meets and gets engaged to a handsome young soldier named Lon. Allie, then, with her love for Noah still alive, stops by Noah's 200-year-old home that he restored for her, "to see if he's okay". It is evident that they still have feelings for each other, and Allie has to choose between her fiancé and her first love.



Life of Pi

2012 • 127 min • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Ang Lee Cast: Irrfan Khan, Tabu, Sonu Sood, Suraj Sharma, Adil Hussain

Based on the best-selling novel by Yann Martel, is a magical adventure story centering on Pi Patel, the precocious son of a zookeeper. Dwellers in Pondicherry, India, the family decides to move to Canada, hitching a ride on a huge freighter. After a shipwreck, Pi is found adrift in the Pacific

Ocean on a 26-foot lifeboat with a zebra, a hyena, an orangutan and a 450-pound Bengal tiger named Richard Parker, all fighting for survival.



A Time To Kill

1996 • 149 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Joel Schumacher Cast: Sandra Bullock, Samuel L. Jackson, Matthew McConaughey, Kevin Spacey, Donald Sutherland

Joel Schumacher, who directed the filmed adaptation of John Grisham's *"The Client"* to critical and popular acclaim, now brings Grisham's best-selling first novel to the screen with a high profile cast. In front of hundreds of witnesses in

a simmering, small Southern town, a distraught man (*Samuel L. Jackson*) murders the two racist thugs who brutally assaulted his young daughter. An idealistic young lawyer (*Matthew McConaughey*) and a savvy law student (Sandra Bullock) team together for his seemingly not-able-to-win defense in a trial that sparks a cauldron of conflicting emotions from a kaleidoscope range of southerners – a microcosm of a unique place in the American landscape where time is no longer standing still.



Into the Wild

2007 • 140 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Sean Penn

Cast: Emile Hirsch, Vince Vaughn, Kristen Stewart, Marcia Gay Harden, Catherine Keener, William Hurt, Zach Galifianakis, Haley Ramm The young. idealistic Christopher McCandless (Hirsch) abandons life as most of us know it for the Alaskan wilderness. Based on the bestseller by Jon Krakauer.

Dr. Zhivago

1965 • 197 min. • Colour • Warner Bros • Director: David Lean Cast: William Holden, Alec Guinness

The unforgettable characters created by Nobel Prize-winner Boris Pasternak come to life in this profoundly human epic. The story of the life and loves of Dr. Yuri Zhivago is told against the tumultuous backdrop of the Russian Revolution.

I am Legend

2007 • **100** min. • **Colour** • **Warner Bros** • **Director: Francis Lawrence Cast: Will Smith, Alice Braga, Thomas J. Pilutik, Salli Richardson, Charlie Tahan** Robert Neville is the last man alive. He busies himself with preparing for a nightly attack from the rest of the world - all of which have transformed into blood-thirsty vampires.



Rosemary's Baby

1968 • 136 min • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Roman Polanski

Cast: Mia Farrow, John Cassavetes, Ruth Gordon From Ira Levin's best-selling novel comes one of the best horror films ever made, with Mia Farrow as the victim of her husband's pact with the devil and Oscar-winning Ruth Gordon as the malevolent neighbour. *ROSEMARY'S BABY* penetrates the subconscious and inspires an instinctive terror. Superb suspense.

Shutter Island



2009 • 137 min • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Martin Scorsese Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo, Ben Kingsley, Emily Mortimer, Michelle Williams, Max von Sydow, Jackie Earle Haley, Elias Koteas, Patricia Clarkson, Ted Levine, John Carroll Lynch Drama is set in 1954, U.S. Marshal Teddy Daniels is investigating the disappearance of a murderess who escaped from a hospital for the criminally insane and is presumed to be hiding

on the remote Shutter Island.



Last of the Mohicans 1992 • 120 min • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Michael Mann Cast: Daniel Day-Lewis, Madeleine Stowe, Jodhi May, Eric Schweig

In the American Colonies, England and France, aided by Native American allies, wage a fierce and savage war for a continent neither is destined to control. Amidst the conflict, Hawkeye, a frontiersman raised by Mohicans, and Cora Munro, the daughter of a British officer, fall

desperately in love, in Michael Mann's retelling of the classic James Fenimore Cooper novel.



The Kite Runner

2007 • 125 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Marc Forster Cast: Shaun Toub, Khalid Abdalla, Mason Hsieh, Atossa Leoni, Homayon Ershadi, Ahmad Khan

Mahmidzada, Laurie Burke, Ismail Bashey After spending years in California, Amir returns to his homeland in Afghanistan to help his old friend Hassan, whose son is in trouble.

The Outsiders

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1983 • 94 min. • Colour • Warner Bros • Director: Francis Ford Coppola Cast: C. Thomas Howell, Matt Dillon, Ralph Macchio, Patrick Swayze, Rob Lowe, Emilio Estevez, Tom Cruise, Glenn Withrow, Diane Lane

This is an adaptation of S.E. Hinton's best-selling book about troubled teenagers in the 1960s and the conflicts between two socioeconomic classes, the *"Soc"* and the *"Greasers"*. The main character is a sensitive teenaged boy who develops an understanding of coping with personal and social problems after a series of emotionally damaging events.



Bridges of Madison County 1995 • 133 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Clint Eastwood Cast: Meryl Streep, Clint Eastwood

Clint Eastwood stars as a National Geographic photographer named Robert Kincaid who, stopping to ask directions while motoring in Iowa, meets lonely, middle-aged, Italian-born farm wife Francesca Johnson, a woman who embarks on a torrid, four-day love affair with Kincaid and ultimately changes her life.



My Sister's Keeper 2009 • 106 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Nick Cassavetes Cast: Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin, Alec Baldwin, Sofia Vassilieva, Joan Cusack, Jason Patric Sara and Brian live an idyllic life with their young son and daughter. But their family is rocked by sudden, heartbreaking news that forces them to make a difficult and unorthodox choice in order to save their baby girl's life. The parents' desperate decision raises both ethical and moral ques-

tions and rips away at the foundation of their relationship. Their actions ultimately set off a court case that threatens to tear the family apart, while revealing surprising truths that challenge everyone's perceptions of love and loyalty and give new meaning to the definition of healing.



Naked Lunch

1991 • 115 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: David Cronenberg Cast: Peter Weller, Judy Davis, Ian Holm, Julian Sands, Roy Scheider, Monique Mercure, Nicholas Campbell, Michael Zelniker

Exterminator Bill Lee finds himself following his wife into an addiction to the bug powder he uses. After accidentally killing her, he descends into a hallucinatory existence in which he imagines himself a secret agent answering to a series of bizarre

creatures. He channels his energies into writing "reports" on his delusional mission, while trying to break his addiction. The story loosely reflects events in the life of author Burroughs as he wrote the novel.



Nights in Rodanthe 2008 • 97 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: George C. Wolfe Cast: Diane Lane, Richard Gere, James Franco, Scott Glenn, Christopher Meloni, Mae Whitman, Viola Davis Lane stars as Adrienne Willis, a woman with her

If in chaos, who retreats to the tiny coastal town of Rodanthe, in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, to tend to a friend's inn for the week-

end. Here she hopes to find the tranquility she so desperately needs to rethink the conflicts surrounding her-a wayward husband who has asked to come home, and a teenaged daughter who resents her every decision. Almost as soon as Adrienne gets to Rodanthe, a major storm is forecast and a guest named Dr. Paul Flanner (Gere) arrives. The only guest at the inn, Flanner is not on a weekend escape but rather is there to face his own crisis of conscience. Now, with the storm closing in, the two turn to each other for comfort and, in one magical weekend, set in motion a life-changing romance that will resonate throughout the rest of their lives.



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The Last King of Scotland 2006 • 122 min • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Kevin Macdonald Cast: Forest Whitaker, James McAvoy, Kerry Washington, Gillian Anderson In an incredible twist of fate, a Scottish doctor (James McAvoy) on a Ugandan medical mis-

sion becomes irreversibly entangled with one of the world's most barbaric figures: Idi Amin (Forest Whitaker). Impressed by Dr. Garrigan's brazen attitude in a moment of crisis, the newly

self-appointed Ugandan President Amin hand picks him as his personal physician and closest confidante. Though Garrigan is at first flattered and fascinated by his new position, he soon awakens to Amin's savagery - and his own complicity in it. Horror and betrayal ensue as Garrigan tries to right his wrongs and escape Uganda alive.



World War Z

2013 • 116 min • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Marc Forster Cast: Brad Pitt, Matthew Fox, Mireille Enos, James

Gast: Brad Pitt, Matthew Fox, Mirellie Enos, James Badge Dale, Elyes Gabel, Julia Levy-Boeken, Katrina Vasilieva

United Nations employee Gerry Lane traverses the world in a race against time to stop the Zombie pandemic that is toppling armies and governments, and threatening to decimate humanity itself.



Water for Elephants

2001 • 121 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox Director: Francis Lawrence Cast: Robert Pattinson, Reese Witherspoon, Christoph Waltz, James Frain, Hal Holbrook, Paul Schneider, Adrienne Rusk, Ashley Palmer, Dan Lauria

Based on the acclaimed bestseller, *WATER FOR ELEPHANTS* presents an unexpected romance in a uniquely compelling setting. Veterinary school student Jacob meets and falls in love

with Marlena, a star performer in a circus of a bygone era. They discover beauty amidst the world of the Big Top, and come together through their compassion for a special elephant. Against all odds including the wrath of Marlena's charismatic but dangerous husband, August-Jacob and Marlena find lifelong love.



Shawshank Redemption 1994 • 140 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Frank Darabont

Cast: Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman, Gill Bellows Tim Robbins is a banker questionably convicted of murder and Morgan Freeman is a seasoned lifer in this extraordinary tale of hope, survival and friendship inside a maximum security prison.



The Talented Mr. Ripley

1999 • 139 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Anthony Minghella Cast: Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, Cate Blanchett, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Jack Davenport

The 1950s. Manhattan lavatory attendant, Tom Ripley, borrows a Princeton jacket to play piano at a garden party. When the wealthy father of a recent Princeton grad chats Tom up, Tom pretends to know the son and is soon offered \$1,000 to go

to Italy to convince Dickie Greenleaf to return home. In Italy, Tom attaches himself to Dickie and to Marge, Dickie's cultured fiancée, pretending to love jazz and harboring homoerotic hopes as he soaks in luxury. Besides lying, Tom's talents include impressions and forgery, so when the handsome and confident Dickie tires of Tom, dismissing him as a bore, Tom goes to extreme lengths to make Greenleaf's privileges his own.



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The Pianist

2002 • 149 min. • Colour • TVA International Director: Roman Polanski Cast: Adrien Brody, Emilia Fox, Michal Zebrowski, Ed Stoppard, Maureen Lipman, Frank Finlay, Jessica Kate Meyer, Julia Rayner, Wanja Mues A brilliant pianist, a Polish Jew, witnesses the restrictions Nazis place on Jews in the Polish capital, from restricted access to the building of the Warsaw ghetto. As his family is rounded up to be shipped off to the Nazi labour camps, he escapes

deportation and eludes capture by living in the ruins of Warsaw.

The Color Purple



In a small Georgia town in 1906, young Celie gives birth to two children, fathered by the man she calls "Pa". Sustained by the close bond with younger sister Nettie, Celie submerges her own identity and pours out her heart in letters first to God, then to her absent sister. It is not until 1921, when blues

singer Shug Avery, the preacher's daughter, comes into Celie's life, that she begins to reveal her glowing spirit and to develop an awareness of her own worth and the world of possibilities that lies open to her.

The Hours



2002 • 114 min • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Stephen Daldry Cast: Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore, Nicole Kidman, Eileen Atkins, Toni Collette, Claire Danes,

Stephen Dillane, Ed Harris, Allison Janney In 1949, Laura Brown, a pregnant housewife, is planning a party for her husband, but she can't stop reading the novel *'Mrs. Dalloway'. Clarissa Vaughn*, a modern woman living in present times is throwing a party for her friend Richard,

a famous author dying of AIDS. These two stories are simultaneously linked to the work and life of Virginia Woolf, who's writing the novel mentioned before.



Mystic River

2003 • 137 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Clint Eastwood

Cast: Sean Penn, Laurence Fishburne, Tim Robbins, Kevin Bacon, Laura Linney, Marcia Gay Harden, Emmy Rossum, Cameron Bowen, Cayden Boyd, Spencer Treat Clark, John Doman Mystic River explores the dark, interwoven history of three men and their families coming to terms with a brutal murder on the mean streets of south Boston.

No Country for Old Men



2007 • 122 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Ethan Coen, Joel Coen Cast: Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem, Josh Brolin, Woody Harrelson, Barry Corbin In rural Texas, welder and hunter Llewelyn Moss discovers the remains of several drug runners who have all killed each other in an exchange gone violently wrong. Rather than report the discovery to the police, Moss decides to simply take the two million dollars present for himself. This puts

the psychopathic killer, Anton Chigurh, on his trail as he dispassionately murders nearly every rival, bystander and even employer in his pursuit of his quarry and the money. As Moss desperately attempts to keep one step ahead, the blood from this hunt begins to flow behind him with relentlessly growing intensity as Chigurh closes in. Meanwhile, the laconic Sherrif Ed Tom Bell blithely oversees the investigation even as he struggles to face the sheer enormity of the crimes he is attempting to thwart.



Jane Eyre

2011 • 119 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Cary Fukunaga Cast: Mia Wasikowska, Michael Fassbender, Jamie Bell, Judi Dench, Sally Hawkins, Imogen Poots, Simon McBurney

Mia Wasikowska ("Alice in Wonderland") and Michael Fassbender ("Inglourious Basterds") star in the romantic drama based on Charlotte Bronte's classic novel, from acclaimed director Cary Fukunaga ("Sin Nombre"). In the story, Jane Eyre flees Thornfield

House, where she works as a governess for wealthy Edward Rochester. As she reflects upon the people and emotions that have defined her, it is clear that the isolated and imposing residence - and Mr. Rochester's coldness have sorely tested the young woman's resilience, forged years earlier when she was orphaned. She must now act decisively to secure her own future and come to terms with the past that haunts her - and the terrible secret that Mr. Rochester is hiding and that she has uncovered...

A Room with a View

1985 • 115 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. • Director: James Ivory Cast: Maggie Smith, Helena Bonham Carter, Denholm Elliott, Julian Sands Winner of 3 Academy Awards, *"A Room With A View"* is an intelligent and lyrical story of a young woman's half-conscious attempt to break out of the stifling constrictions of the British class system in the early 1900's.

Romeo and Juliet (1968)

1968 • 138 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures • Director: Franco Zeffirelli Cast: Olivia Hussey, Leonard Whiting, Michael York, Milo O'Shea

Perhaps more than any other cinematic adaptation of Shakespeare, Franco Zeffirelli's film demonstrates how exhilarating the experience of watching a Shakespearean play can be. *Romeo and Juliet* is magnificent as a scholarly interpretation, as pure entertainment, and as one of the most beautiful and sensuous films ever made.



Gone. Baby, Gone

2007 • 114 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Ben Affleck

Cast: Casey Affleck, Michelle Monaghan, Morgan Freeman, Ed Harris, John Ashton, Amy Ryan, Amy Madigan, Titus Welliver, Michael K. Williams, Edi Gathegi

When 4 year old Amanda McCready disappears from her home and the police make little headway in solving the case, the girl's aunt Beatrice McCready hires two private detectives Patrick

Kenzie and Angie Gennaro. The detective freely admit that they have little experience with this type of case, but the family wants them for two reasons - they're not cops and they know the tough neighborhood in which they all live. As the case progresses, Kenzie and Gennaro face drug dealers, gangs and pedophiles. When they finally solve the case, they are faced with a moral dilemma that tears them apart.



Interview with a Vampire: The Vampire Chronicles 1994 • 128 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Neil Jordan Cast: Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt, Antonio Banderas, Stephen Rea, Christian Slater, Kirsten Dunst In contemporary San Francisco, a young man grants an interview about his two hundred year existence as a vampire – a "life" with which he has never felt completely comfortable.



Kiss the Girls

1997 • 110 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Gary Flede

Cast: Morgan Freeman, Timothy Hutton, Ashley Judd, Richard Timothy Jones, Cary Elwes

"Kiss the Girls" tells the tale of Alex Cross, a Washington DC police detective with a Ph.D. in psychology who is a widower with 2 small children who learns his college niece, a 22 year-old Duke University law student, is missing. While investigating her disappearance, Alex uncovers

two cunning serial rapist/murderers, one of whom is keeping a horrifying modern day harem.

The Exorcist

1973 • 121 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: William Friedkin Cast: Ellen Burstyn, Max von Sydow, Jason Miller, Lee J. Cobb, Kitty Winn, Jack MacGowran, Linda Blair

A divorced woman becomes alarmed when her daughter takes on another personality and calls in an exorcist to rid the child of the demon. The child is truly possessed, and it is a fight between good and evil.

Lord of the Flies

THE EXORCIS

1990 • 86 min. • Colour • Warner Bros • Director: Harry Hook Cast: Balthazar Getty, Christopher Furrh, Danuel Pipoly, James Badge Dale, Andrew Taft

Americanized 1990s version of William Golding novel, puts the young boys, survivors of a plane crash against nature and eventually each other.



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Silver Linings Playbook

2012 • 120 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: David O. Russell Cast: Bradley Cooper, Julia Stiles, Robert De Niro, Jennifer Lawrence, Taylor Schilling, Chris Tucker, Dash Mihok

Life doesn't always go according to plan. Pat Solatano has lost everything - his house, his job, and his wife. He now finds himself living back with his mother and father after spending eight months in a state institution on a plea bargain.

Pat is determined to rebuild his life, remain positive and reunite with his wife, despite the challenging circumstances of their separation. All Pat's parents want is for him to get back on his feet - and to share their family's obsession with the Philadelphia Eagles football team. When Pat meets Tiffany, a mysterious girl with problems of her own, things get complicated. Tiffany offers to help Pat reconnect with his wife, but only if he'll do something very important for her in return. As their deal plays out, an unexpected bond begins to form between them, and silver linings appear in both of their lives.



The Firm

1993 • 154 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Sydney Pollack Cast: Tom Cruise, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Gene Hackman, Hal Holbrook, Terry Kinney, Wilford Brimley, Ed Harris

"The Firm" stars Tom Cruise as Mitch McDeere who accepts a position with a small but wealthy partnership in Memphis, Tennessee. The firm pays off his student loans and arranges a mort-

gage for his first home. But it doesn't take long for Mitch to discover that the firm is not what it appears to be. Based on John Grisham's best-selling novel.



Sherlock Holmes

2009 • 128 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Guy Ritchie

Cast: Robert Downey Jr., Rachel McAdams, Jude Law, Mark Strong, Kelly Reilly, Eddie Marsan, James Fox, Hans Matheson, Bronagh Gallagher In a dynamic new portrayal of Arthur Conan Doyle's most famous characters, *"Sherlock Holmes"* sends Holmes and his stalwart partner Watson on their latest challenge. Revealing fighting skills as lethal as his legendary intellect,

Holmes will battle as never before to bring down a new nemesis and unravel a deadly plot that could destroy the country.



Maltese Falcon

1941 • 101 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: John Huston Cast: Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor, Peter Lorre, Elisha Cook

Director Sam Spade's thrilling chase for the fabulous Falcon. Bogart is Dashiell Hammett's "hero" Sam Spade, Astor his client, Lorre the evasive Joel Cairo, Greenstreet the Fat Man, and Cook the neurotic Gunsel Wilmer.



The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo 2010 • 152 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Niels Arden Oplev Cast: Michael Nyqvist, Noomi Rapace, Lena Endre, Peter Haber, Sven-Bertil Taube, Peter Andersson, Ingvar Hirdwal, Marika Lagercrantz, Björn Granath, Ewa Fröling

Facing prison time for slander, discredited journalist Mikael Blomkvist is hired by a reclusive industrialist for one last job; to solve a long unresolved family disappearance. Aided by the

mysterious and troubled computer hacker, Lisbeth Salander, the two uncover a darker world of brutality, deception and ritualistic murder. Alone and not knowing who to trust, they must fight for their own survival and reveal the truth. Based on the international bestseller by Stieg Larsson, THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO is the first in the gripping Millennium trilogy.



Anna Karenina (2012)

2012 • 130 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Joe Wright

Cast: Keira Knightley, Saoirse Ronan, Jude Law, Kelly Macdonald, Aaron Johnson, Matthew Mac-Fadyen, Olivia Williams, Andrea Riseborough, Michelle Dockery

The story unfolds in its original late-19th-century Russia high-society setting and powerfully explores the capacity for love that surges through the human heart, from the passion between

adulterers to the bond between a mother and her children. As Anna (Ms. Knightley) questions her happiness, change comes to her family, friends, and community.

Amistad



1997 • 154 min • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Steven Spielberg Cast: Morgan Freeman, Nigel Hawthorne, Anthony Hopkins, Djimon Hounsou, Matthew McConaughey

Based on a true story, *"Amistad"* is the saga of a failed mutiny on board a Spanish slave ship and the trial that followed. In the summer of 1839, fifty-three African captives, led by Cinque (Djimon Hounsou), broke free and took over the

slave ship Amistad. Captured off the eastern seaboard after failing in a desperate attempt to sail home, they find themselves strangers in a strange land and at the mercy of the American justice system. Fighting for the Africans are abolitionist Theodore Joadson (Morgan Freeman) and young lawyer Roger Baldwin (*Matthew McConaughey*). However, seeking re-election, President Martin Van Buren (Nigel Hawthorne) is willing to sacrifice the Africans to appease the pro-slavery South. The case takes on historic proportions when former President John Quincy Adams (Anthony Hopkins) comes out of retirement to take the Africans' cause all the way to the United States Supreme Court in a trial that challenges the very foundation of the American legal system.



Along Came a Spider

2001 • 104 min. • Colour • Paramount Pictures Director: Lee Tamahori

Cast: Morgan Freeman, Monica Potter, Michael Wincott, Michael Moriarty

Based on the book by James Patterson, the story tells of a detective/psychologist named Alex Cross who gets involved in the kidnapping investigation of two children abducted from an upper class Washington D.C. private school. In this prequel to *"Kiss the Girls,"* Cross teams up with

a female Secret Service agent and links the kidnapper to a streak of murders in the city. The two race against time to capture the psychotic criminal and find the missing girls.



Admission

2013 • 107 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Paul Weitz

Cast: Tina Fey, Paul Rudd, Michael Sheen, Gloria Reuben, Wallace Shawn, Lily Tomlin Straight-laced Princeton University admissions

officer Portia Nathan (*Tina Fey*) is caught off-guard when she makes a recruiting visit to an alternative high school overseen by her former college classmate, the free-wheeling John Pressman (*Paul Rudd*). Pressman has surmised that Jeremiah

(Nat Wolff), his gifted yet very unconventional student, might well be the son that Portia secretly gave up for adoption many years ago. Soon, Portia finds herself bending the rules for Jeremiah, putting at risk the life she thought she always wanted – but in the process finding her way to a surprising and exhilarating life and romance she never dreamed of having.



American Psycho

2000 • 97 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Mary Harron

Cast: Christian Bale, Willem Dafoe, Jared Leto, Samantha Mathis, Reese Witherspoon

Based on the controversial novel by Bret Easton Ellis, the story tells of a yuppie New York stockbroker's obsession with material goods and his parallel acts of brutality, rape, torture and murder. Featured players include *Christian Bale, Willem Dafoe, Jared Leto, Samantha Mathis*

and Reese Witherspoon as the unwitting fiancée of the psychotic mass murderer. "It's a satire about the '80s and materialism, a dark satire of a male response to the sexual liberation of women."



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Blow

2001 • 124 min. • Colour • Warner Bros Director: Ted Demme Cast: Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz, Rachel Griffiths, Ray Liotta, Franka Potente, Paul Reubens, Ethan Suplee, Cliff Curtis

Blow is a high-velocity look at George Jung's spectacular rise and fall – based on the true story of how powder cocaine turned into America's biggest drug problem and how one man from the blue-collar suburbs became the 35 billion-dollar

a-year conduit to the Colombian cartels. Ted Demme (Monument Ave.) directs this riveting look at the manic allure – and dangerous reality – of a drug smuggler's everyday life, and unfolds one of the great untold stories from the recent annals of American crime and culture.



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Girl with a Pearl Earring

2003 • 95 min. • Colour • Alliance Films Inc. Director: Peter Webber Cast: Scarlett Johansson, Colin Firth, Tom Wilkinson, Judy Parfitt, Cillian Murphy, Essie Davis,

Joanna Scanlan, Alakina Mann

Griet (Johansson) is a peasant girl who is forced to work as a maid in the home of the painter Johannes Vermeer (Firth). She eventually becomes the model for what becomes one of his most famous works. Based on Tracy Chevalier's novel.

Logan's Run



It's 2274 and on the surface, it all seems to be an idyllic society. Living in a city within an enclosed dome, there is little or no work for humans to perform and inhabitants are free to pursue all of the pleasures of life. There is one catch however: your life is limited and when you reach 30, it is

terminated in a quasi-religious ceremony known as Carousel. Some, known as runners, do try to escape their fate when the time comes and it's the job of a Sandman to track them down and kill them. Logan is such a man and with several years before his own termination date, thinks nothing of the job he does. Soon after meeting a young woman, Jessica-6, he is ordered to become a runner himself and infiltrate a community outside the dome known as Sanctuary and to destroy it. Pursued by his friend Francis, also a Sandman, Logan and Jessica find their way to the outside. There they discover a beautiful...



1999 • 139 min • Colour • 20 Century Fox Director: David Fincher

Cast: Brad Pitt, Edward Norton, Helena Bonham Carter, Meat Loaf

In this adaptation of Chuck Palahniuk's 1998 novel, *Brad Pitt* stars as Tyler Durden, a sociopath filled with anarchic rage, who organizes an underground organization of "*fight clubs*." These clubs, in which young men with white collar jobs engage in no-holds-barred bouts, spread

across the city. But Tyler has far more insidious plans - he enlists the aid of his unassertive friend, Jack (*Edward Norton*), to destroy conventional "society" through a deadly series of bombings. When Jack realizes the nightmarish and shocking truth, he fights to bring Tyler down.

Empire of the Sun

1987 • 152 min. • Colour • Warner Bros • Director: Steven Spielberg Cast: Christian Bale, John Malkovich, Miranda Richardson, Nigel Havers, Joe Pantoliano

An epic drama of World War II as seen through the eyes of a young boy interned in a prison camp for three years.

Greystoke: Legend of Tarzan

1983 • 126 min. • Colour • Warner Bros • Director: Hugh Hudson Cast: Ralph Richardson, Ian Holm, James Fox, Christopher Lambert A splendid screen version of Edgar Rice Burrough's classic tale of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes. Upon his return to "civilization" Tarzan is faced with dangers more serious than those he encountered in the jungle.



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Anywhere But Here

1999 • 113 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox **Director: Wavne Wang** Cast: Susan Sarandon, Natalie Portman, Bonnie Bedelia, Shawn Hatosy

Based on Mona Simpson's 1986 coming-of-age novel, the story tells of a runaway wife (Susan Sarandon) and her teenage daughter (Natalie Portman), who have pulled up stakes from small-town Wisconsin and driven straight toward the sunset as if it were the future. Adele's goal is to make yet an-

other move to establish herself and her reluctant offspring in the glamorous life of her dreams. But it is a life, that like the city of Beverly Hills, remains tantalizingly just over the horizon. Adjusting to their new environments and ever changing relationship, mother and daughter struggle together. They finally reach an understanding as Ann prepares to leave for college.



Message in a Bottle

1999 • 132 min. • Colour • Warner Bros **Director: Luis Mandoki** Cast: Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn,

Paul Newman, Illeana Douglas

Kevin Costner and Robin Wright Penn team up for a romantic drama that tells of a divorced mother and a Boston newspaper columnist who yearns for someone special. While jogging along Cape Cod Bay, she discovers a bottle with a letter tucked inside from a man named Garrett to a

women named Catherine in which he describes the heartache of losing her. Imagining that this is the sort of man she has been seeking, Theresa sets out to find him. Not only does she succeed but she also discovers that he is everything she hoped he would be. What follows is a voyage of self-discovery as these star-crossed lovers try to overcome the obstacles people face in second relationships.



Die Hard

1988 • 132 min. • Colour • 20th Century Fox **Director: John McTeirnan** Cast: Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia, Reginald

VelJohnson, Paul Gleason, De'voreaux White, William Atherton, Hart Bochner, James Shigeta Facing Christmas 3.000 miles from his estranged wife and two children, New York policeman John McClane flies to Los Angeles bearing presents and hoping to patch up his marriage. He then becomes the only hope for a small group of hostages, one

of whom is his estranged wife, trapped in a Los Angeles high-rise building when it is seized by terrorists on Christmas Eve.

L.A. Confidential

1997 • 138 min. • Colour • Warner Bros • Director: Curtis Hanson Cast: Danny DeVito, Kim Basinger, Kevin Spacey, James Cromwell, **Russell Crowe**

In the early 1950s, Los Angeles was a booming, would-be utopia, and anything was possible for those with a dream and the drive to make it happen. But in this heady era, crime and corruption infiltrate the highest corridors of power and threaten to rule the city. Three L.A.P.D. officers whose characters reflect their city - whose outward images conflict with their inner passions and realities - become separately entangled in a web of intrigue and deceit that might destroy them all.



P.S. I Love You 2007 • 126 min. • Colour • Warner Bros

Director: Richard LaGravenese Cast: Hilary Swank, Gerard Butler, Gina Gershon, Lisa Kudrow, Harry Connick, Jr., Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Kathy Bates, James Marsters

Romantic Drama. Holly Kennedy (Hilary Swank) is beautiful, smart, and married to the love of her life-a passionate, funny and impetuous Irishman named Gerry (Gerard Butler). So when Gerry's life is taken by an illness, it takes the life out of Holly. The

only one who can help her is the person who is no longer there. Nobody knows Holly better than Gerry. So it's a good thing he planned ahead. Before he died. Gerry wrote Holly a series of letters that will guide her, not only through her grief but in rediscovering herself. The first message arrives on Holly's 30th birthday in the form of a cake and, to her utter shock, a tape recording from Gerry, who proceeds to order her to get out and "celebrate herself." In the weeks and months that follow, more letters from Gerry are delivered in surprising ways, each sending her on a new adventure and each signing off in the same way: P.S. I Love You. Holly's mother (Kathy Bates) and best friends, Sharon (Gina Gershon) and Denise (Lisa Kudrow), begin to worry that Gerry's letters are keeping Holly tied to the past, but, in fact, each letter is pushing her further into a new future. With Gerry's words as her guide, Holly embarks on a touching, exciting and often hilarious journey of rediscovery in a story about marriage, friendship and how a love so strong can turn the finality of death into new beginning for life.



The Scarlet Letter

1927 • 98 min. • Black & White • Warner Bros Director: Victor Sjöstrom • Cast: Lillian Gish Based on the novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne. In Puritan Boston, seamstress Hester Prvnne is punished for playing on the Sabbath day; but kindly minister Arthur Dimmesdale takes pity on her. The two fall in love, but their relationship cannot be: Hester is already married to Roger Prynne, a physician who has been missing seven years. Dimmesdale has to go away to England;

when he returns, he finds Hester pregnant with their child, and the focus of the town's censure. In a humiliating public ceremony, she is forced to don the scarlet letter A - for adultery - and wear it the rest of her life. Dimmesdale is encouraged by the church fathers to demand of Hester the person with whom she sinned.



Goodfellas

1990 • 145 min. • Colour • Warner Bros **Director: Martin Scorsese** Cast: Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta, Paul Sorvino, Joe Pesci, Lorraine Bracco, Tony Darrow

Based on Nicholas Pileggi's best-selling book "Wiseguys" and spanning thirty years of Mafia life, this is the story of a young boy, who dreams of becoming a member of the wiseguys. After fulfilling that dream and after much terror and murder, he turns against the men who made him.

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