

**AMERICA'S MOST INSPIRING MOVIES** 

# **OFFICIAL BALLOT**

# AFI's 100 Years...100 CHEERS

# **America's Most Inspiring Movies**

AFI has compiled this ballot of 300 inspiring movies to aid your selection process. Due to the extraordinarily subjective nature of this process, you will no doubt find that AFI's scholars and historians have been unable to include some of your favorite movies in this ballot, so AFI encourages you to utilize the spaces it has included for write-in votes.

AFI asks jurors to consider the following in their selection process:

# **CRITERIA**

# FEATURE-LENGTH FICTION FILM

Narrative format, typically over 60 minutes in length.

# AMERICAN FILM

English language film with significant creative and/or production elements from the United States. Additionally, only feature-length American films released before January 1, 2005 will be considered.

# **CHEERS**

Movies that inspire with characters of vision and conviction who face adversity and often make a personal sacrifice for the greater good. Whether these movies end happily or not, they are ultimately triumphant – both filling audiences with hope and empowering them with the spirit of human potential.

# **LEGACY**

Films whose "cheers" continue to echo across a century of American cinema.

# 1 ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS

RKO, 1940

PRINCIPAL CAST Raymond Massey, Gene Lockhart, Ruth Gordon

DIRECTOR
PRODUCER
SCREENWRITER
John Cromwell
Max Gordon
Robert E. Sherwood

Young Abe Lincoln, on a mission for his father, meets Ann Rutledge and finds himself in New Salem, Illinois, where he becomes a member of the legislature. Ann's death nearly destroys the young man, but he meets the ambitious Mary Todd, who makes him take a stand on slavery. In a series of electrifying debates with his old nemesis Stephen Douglas, Abe is catapulted into the national consciousness and poised to move into the White House.

# 2 THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD

Warner Bros., 1938

PRINCIPAL CAST Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland, Basil Rathbone

DIRECTORS
PRODUCERS
Hal B. Wallis, Henry Blanke
SCREENWRITERS
Norman Reilly Raine, Seton I. Miller

Robin Hood and his Merry Men defy the evil Prince John and the traitorous Sheriff of Nottingham, while Richard the Lion-Hearted is off fighting the Crusades. They rob from the rich and give to the poor.

### 3 AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1957

PRINCIPAL CAST Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning

DIRECTOR Leo McCarey
PRODUCER Jerry Wald

SCREENWRITERS Delmer Daves, Leo McCarey

Before they can get together, Grant and Kerr must prove to themselves that they are worthy of each other. Then there is a tragic accident, and Kerr makes a noble sacrifice. When the couple reunites, their love is stronger than ever.

# 4 THE AFRICAN QUEEN

United Artists, 1951

PRINCIPAL CAST Humphrey Bogart, Katharine Hepburn

DIRECTOR John Huston

PRODUCER S. P. Eagle (Sam Spiegel)
SCREENWRITERS James Agee, John Huston

The ultimate curmudgeon, Charlie Allnut, and spinster Rose Sayer are polar opposites, but it's never too late for love! They prove it by wading through leeches, riding the rapids, and coming face to face with death at the hands of the German Navy during World War I.

# 5 **AIR FORCE**

Warner Bros., 1943

PRINCIPAL CAST John Ridgely, Gig Young, Arthur Kennedy, Harry Carey,

John Garfield
DIRECTOR Howard Hawks
PRODUCER Hal B. Wallis
SCREENWRITER Dudley Nichols

The crew of a B-17 Flying Fortress takes off for Hawaii on December 6, 1941. Each man is saddled with his own problems, some even want out of the Air Force. Upon reaching their destination, the crew hears Japanese voices over the radio on the morning of December 7. The attack on Pearl Harbor levels the men on board the *Mary Ann*. Suddenly their issues are meaningless. They are now part of the war effort and many of them lose their lives in the name of freedom.

#### 6 THE ALAMO

United Artists, 1960

PRINCIPAL CAST John Wayne, Richard Widmark, Laurence Harvey

DIRECTOR John Wayne
PRODUCER John Wayne
SCREENWRITER James Edward Grant

A true band of brothers sacrifice their lives in a hopeless battle against the Mexican army. Remember Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, and William Travis. And remember The Alamo!

# 7 **ALI**

Columbia, 2001

PRINCIPAL CAST Will Smith, Jamie Foxx, Jon Voight, Mario Van Peebles

DIRECTOR Michael Mann

PRODUCER Jon Peters, Michael Mann, Paul Ardaji, James Lassiter, A. Kitman Ho

SCREENWRITER Michael Mann

Cassius Clay is a young man determined to be a champ. On the way to becoming The Greatest, he becomes Muhammad Ali, refuses to go to Vietnam, and makes one of the most amazing sports comebacks of all time.

# 8 ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN

Warner Bros., 1976

PRINCIPAL CAST Dustin Hoffman, Robert Redford, Jason Robards

DIRECTOR Alan J. Pakula
PRODUCER Walter Coblenz
SCREENWRITER William Goldman

Woodward and Bernstein, a couple of hungry reporters, stake their futures on a hunch and stand up to the President of the United States.

# 9 AMERICAN HISTORY X

New Line, 1998

PRINCIPAL CAST Edward Norton, Edward Furlong, Beverly D'Angelo

DIRECTOR Tony Kaye
PRODUCER John Morrissey
SCREENWRITER David McKenna

An ex-neo-Nazi goes to extremes to save his brother from the same tortured life.

# 10 THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT

Columbia, 1995

PRINCIPAL CAST Michael Douglas, Annette Bening, Martin Sheen, Michael J. Fox

DIRECTOR Rob Reiner
PRODUCER Rob Reiner
SCREENWRITER Aaron Sorkin

Andrew Shepherd's got approval ratings most U.S. Presidents only dream of. The moment the widower President falls in love with lobbyist Sydney Ellen Wade, their lives become news. How can he lead the country, get his bills passed, and keep a lid on the romance? Or can he have it all?

### 11 AMISTAD

DreamWorks, 1997

PRINCIPAL CAST Morgan Freeman, Nigel Hawthorne, Anthony Hopkins, Djimon Hounsou,

Matthew McConaughey

DIRECTOR Steven Spielberg

PRODUCERS Steven Spielberg, Debbie Allen, Colin Wilson

SCREENWRITER David Franzoni

In 1839, a group of Africans bound for North America revolt aboard the *Amistad* and save themselves from slavery. The price of freedom is high, and they are forced to stand trial for what is considered a mutinous action.

### 12 ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD

MGM, 1951

PRINCIPAL CAST Paul Douglas, Janet Leigh, Keenan Wynn

DIRECTOR Clarence Brown PRODUCER Clarence Brown

SCREENWRITERS Dorothy Kingsley, George Wells

The Pirates can't win a game. The manager's got anger issues. An orphan girl prays so hard that angels walk the ballfield, and a voice tells the manager to change his ways. If he does, the Pirates can go all the way.

# 13 **ANTWONE FISHER**

Twentieth Century-Fox, 2002

PRINCIPAL CAST Derek Luke, Denzel Washington

DIRECTOR Denzel Washington

PRODUCERS Todd Black, Randa Haines, Denzel Washington

SCREENWRITER Antwone Fisher

A young sailor suffering from violent outbursts is forced to see a psychiatrist. After a long and excruciating process, Antwone faces the nightmare he calls childhood and begins to unravel the mystery of his pain. At the end of this very difficult journey, the young man finds the family he never knew existed.

# 14 **APOLLO 13**

Universal, 1995

PRINCIPAL CAST Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton, Kevin Bacon, Ed Harris

DIRECTOR Ron Howard PRODUCER Ron Howard

SCREENWRITERS William Broyles, Jr., Al Reinert

Three astronauts are headed to the moon on a mission few care about, until the words, "Houston, we have a problem," are heard. Somewhere out beyond the stratosphere, the astronauts, and the crew at Mission Control, are in a race against time to land safely back on Earth.

# 15 **AWAKENINGS**

Columbia, 1990

PRINCIPAL CAST Robert De Niro, Robin Williams, Julie Kavner

DIRECTOR Penny Marshall

PRODUCERS Lawrence Lasker, Walter F. Parkes

SCREENWRITER Steven Zaillian

Comatose for years, a group of patients are given a new drug, which will bring them back to life. The world has moved on, but the patients and their relatives have to figure out how to catch up on those missing years, even though the effects of the drug may not last forever.

# 16 **BABE**

Universal, 1995

PRINCIPAL CAST James Cromwell DIRECTOR Chris Noonan

PRODUCERS George Miller, Doug Mitchell, Bill Miller

SCREENWRITERS George Miller, Chris Noonan

Babe dreams bigger dreams than any pig before him. As long as he believes in himself, so does everyone else and he becomes the greatest sheep pig in the history of the animal kingdom.

# 17 THE BABE RUTH STORY

Allied Artists, 1948

PRINCIPAL CAST William Bendix, Claire Trevor, Charles Bickford

DIRECTOR Roy Del Ruth SCREENWRITER Roy Del Ruth

The Bambino, baseball's greatest slugger, inspires boys everywhere with his incredible feats on the field. By the time he's 32, Babe's broke and ready to give up the game he loves. A friendly priest persuades him to play ball once more, and Ruth makes magic – 59 homeruns in one season.

#### 18 BABES IN ARMS

MGM, 1939

PRINCIPAL CAST Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland

DIRECTOR Busby Berkeley PRODUCER Arthur Freed

SCREENWRITERS Jack McGowan, Kay Van Riper

Mickey Moran's riddled with problems, and the only way he can solve them is to put on a show – just like his parents did when they were in vaudeville. He doesn't know where or when, but Mickey and his friends are determined to create their own Broadway rhythms.

# 19 THE BAD NEWS BEARS

Paramount, 1976

PRINCIPAL CAST Walter Matthau, Chris Barnes, Tatum O'Neal

DIRECTOR Michael Ritchie
PRODUCER Stanley R. Jaffe
SCREENWRITER Michael Ritchie

A little league team of misfits hits 'em out of the park when an aging drunk, a motorcycle punk, and a girl with the golden arm team up for the biggest upset the league has ever seen.

# 20 BANG THE DRUM SLOWLY

Paramount, 1973

PRINCIPAL CAST Michael Moriarty, Robert De Niro, Vincent Gardenia

DIRECTOR John D. Hancock

PRODUCERS Lois Rosenfield, Maurice Rosenfield

SCREENWRITER Mark Harris

Catcher Bruce Pearson is playing out his last season on the field...and in life. His teammates, especially his good friend, catcher Henry Wiggen, provide him with the best of everything in and outside the dugout.

# 21 **BATAAN**

MGM, 1943

PRINCIPAL CAST Robert Taylor, George Murphy

DIRECTOR Tay Garnett PRODUCER Irving Starr

SCREENWRITERS Robert Hardy Andrews

A ragtag unit of soldiers is left in Manila to blow up the bridge at the Bataan Peninsula. No matter how many times the Japanese rebuild it, the men must destroy it. Surrounded by the enemy, the last man left opens fire, doing his duty to the bitter end.

# 22 **BEAU GESTE**

Paramount, 1939

PRINCIPAL CAST Gary Cooper, Ray Milland, Robert Preston, Brian Donlevy

DIRECTOR William A. Wellman
PRODUCER William A. Wellman
SCREENWRITER Robert Carson

The Geste brothers prove that blood is thicker than water, especially Beau, who steals the famous family jewel, The Blue Water, just to protect his aunt. Each of the brothers confesses to the robbery, then follows Beau to the Foreign Legion. But it's Beau's sense of honor and duty that ultimately protects his brothers and brings honor to the name of Geste.

### 23 A BEAUTIFUL MIND

Imagine, 2001

PRINCIPAL CAST Russell Crowe, Ed Harris, Jennifer Connelly, Paul Bettany

DIRECTOR Ron Howard

PRODUCERS Brian Grazer, Ron Howard

SCREENWRITER Akiva Goldman

Brilliant John Nash's schizophrenia almost destroys his life, his family and his mind. The love and care of his wife helps him win a Nobel Prize and seize control of his beautiful mind.

# 24 BEN-HUR

MGM, 1925

PRINCIPAL CAST Ramon Novarro, Francis X. Bushman, May McAvoy

DIRECTOR Fred Niblo

PRODUCERS Louis B. Mayer, Samuel Goldwyn

SCREENWRITERS Bess Meredyth, Carey Wilson, June Mathis

A Prince of Judea learns that vengeance has no rewards, especially after he has been wrongly condemned to a life of slavery by his childhood friend.

### 25 **BEN-HUR**

MGM, 1925

PRINCIPAL CAST Charlton Heston, Stephen Boyd, Hugh Griffith, Jack Hawkins

DIRECTOR William Wyler
PRODUCER Sam Zimbalist
SCREENWRITER Karl Tunberg

Judah Ben-Hur won't betray his people. His integrity is taken for treason and he finds himself condemned to life as a slave. Only after saving the life of a Roman officer does he find himself holding the reins of a chariot, facing his boyhood friend, the man who damned him and his family to a living death. Ben-Hur's victory starts out as revenge – in the end it is the beginning of a long road toward forgiveness and love.

# 26 BENJI

Mulberry Square, 1974

PRINCIPAL CAST Patsy Garrett, Allen Fiuzat, Cynthia Smith

DIRECTOR Joe Camp PRODUCER Joe Camp SCREENWRITER Joe Camp

Everyone loves Benji, the town stray, especially little Paul and Cindy. But their parents can't stand the homeless mutt. The children are kidnapped, and the only one who can find them is Benji. He saves the day and finally gets the home he's longed for!

# 27 THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES

RKO, 1946

PRINCIPAL CAST Myrna Loy, Fredric March, Dana Andrews, Harold Russell

DIRECTOR William Wyler
PRODUCER Samuel Goldwyn
SCREENWRITER Robert E. Sherwood

Three World War II vets and their families must adjust to life after years of separation. The men, each from a different class, are forced to face their fears, but the young man who lost his hands during battle is the catalyst for all of them living a complete and full life.

# 28 THE BIBLE

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1966

PRINCIPAL CAST Michael Parks, John Huston, George C. Scott, Ava Gardner,

Peter O'Toole

DIRECTOR John Huston
PRODUCER Dino De Laurentiis

SCREENWRITERS Vittorio Bonicelli, Christopher Fry, Jonathan Griffin, Ivo Perilli

The opening chapters of Genesis depict the courage of men and women whose faith is tested and challenged, from the Creation, to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, and to Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac.

# 29 THE BIG COUNTRY

United Artists, 1958

PRINCIPAL CAST Gregory Peck, Jean Simmons, Carroll Baker, Charlton Heston

DIRECTOR William Wyler

PRODUCERS Gregory Peck, William Wyler

SCREENWRITERS James R. Webb, Sy Bartlett, Robert Wilder

Sea Captain Jim McKay has come west to marry Pat Terrill. But his moral compass is something the ranchers fighting to the death over water rights don't understand. Drawn to the woman who owns those rights, McKay is forced into a duel that holds everyone's lives in the balance.

# 30 **BIRDMAN OF ALCATRAZ**

United Artists, 1962

PRINCIPAL CAST Burt Lancaster, Karl Malden, Thelma Ritter

DIRECTOR John Frankenheimer
PRODUCERS Stuart Millar, Guy Trosper

SCREENWRITER Guy Trosper

In 1909, prison convict Robert Stroud kills one of his guards. Sentenced to life in solitary confinement, Stroud becomes an expert on caged birds and writes a textbook on the subject. Transferred to Alcatraz, the "Birdman" is forced to give up his feathered friends, becoming an expert on caged men instead. During a prison riot, Stroud becomes the peacemaker and is later released to a minimum-security prison.

# 31 THE BISHOP'S WIFE

RKO, 1947

PRINCIPAL CAST Cary Grant, Loretta Young, David Niven, James Gleason

DIRECTOR Henry Koster
PRODUCER Samuel Goldwyn

SCREENWRITERS Leonardo Bercovici, Robert E. Sherwood

Bishop Brougham's priorities are lost as he tries to build a towering new cathedral. An angel appears in the form of a man, who teaches the wayward Bishop to love and cherish what he's got, especially his wife and children.

# 32 THE BLACK STALLION

United Artists, 1979

PRINCIPAL CAST Kelly Reno, Mickey Rooney, Teri Garr

DIRECTOR Carroll Ballard

PRODUCERS Fred Roos, Tom Sternberg

SCREENWRITER Melissa Mathison

Isolated and lonely, a young boy and an Arabian horse are the only survivors of a shipwreck in the middle of nowhere. As they learn to depend on each other, they come to understand the meaning of friendship, something that takes on even more importance when they are rescued and meet up with Henry Dailey, the solitary trainer who helps them make horse racing history.

# 33 **BLACKBOARD JUNGLE**

MGM, 1955

PRINCIPAL CAST Glenn Ford, Anne Francis, Louis Calhern, Sidney Poitier, Vic Morrow

DIRECTOR Richard Brooks
PRODUCER Pandro S. Berman
SCREENWRITER Richard Brooks

An ex-serviceman, Richard Dadier, takes on his first teaching job in a school where the students rule. He needs allies, but finds he's on his own in a world rocking and rolling faster than he can control. Defeated by rumors of his affair with another teacher, his wife prematurely gives birth to their baby. Fed up, Dadier almost quits, but one of his students surprises him and restores his hope.

# 34 BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

Universal, 1989

PRINCIPAL CAST Tom Cruise, Willem Dafoe

DIRECTOR Oliver Stone

PRODUCERS Oliver Stone, A. Kitman Ho SCREENWRITERS Oliver Stone, Ron Kovic

Ron Kovic, a paralyzed Vietnam vet who feels betrayed by his country, discovers a whole new way of life when he becomes a political activist and embraces the anti-war movement of the '60s and '70s.

# 35 **BOYS TOWN**

MGM, 1938

PRINCIPAL CAST Spencer Tracy, Mickey Rooney

DIRECTOR Norman Taurog
PRODUCER John W. Considine, Jr.
SCREENWRITERS Dore Schary, John Meehan

In the middle of the Great Depression Father Flanagan has an idea, a home for wayward boys. He's got to convince most people that "there's no such thing as a bad boy." Even Whitey Marsh, the cocky kid who idolizes his convict brother, finds an ally in Father Flanagan and a place in life as Mayor of Boys Town.

# 36 **BRAVEHEART**

Paramount, 1995

PRINCIPAL CAST Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau, Brian Cox, Patrick McGoohan

DIRECTOR Mel Gibson

PRODUCER Mel Gibson, Alan Ladd, Jr., Bruce Davey

SCREENWRITER Randall Wallace

William Wallace, who loses everyone he loves, never forgets that the price of freedom is worth fighting for – and dying for.

#### 37 THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Universal, 1985

PRINCIPAL CAST Emilio Estevez, Anthony Michael Hall, Judd Nelson, Molly Ringwald,

Ally Sheedy

John Hughes DIRECTOR

John Hughes, Ned Tanen John Hughes **PRODUCERS** 

**SCREENWRITER** 

Five completely different teens with nothing in common but Saturday detention realize that the jock isn't that different from the nerd, the prom queen isn't that different from the weird psycho girl, and the tough guy's not really as intimidating as they all think.

#### 38 **BREAKING AWAY**

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1979

PRINCIPAL CAST Dennis Christopher, Dennis Quaid, Daniel Stern, Jackie Earle Haley

DIRECTOR Peter Yates **PRODUCER** Peter Yates **SCREENWRITER** Steve Tesich

The alienation four boys feel after graduating from high school ultimately leads to a bicycle race that redeems them in the town they represent.

#### 39 THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI

Columbia, 1957

PRINCIPAL CAST William Holden, Alec Guinness, Jack Hawkins, Sessue Hayakawa

DIRECTOR David Lean **PRODUCER** 

Sam Spiegel Pierre Boulle (Carl Foreman & Michael Wilson) **SCREENWRITER** 

Colonel Nicholson, the very model of a British soldier, believes in a certain code of ethics. He stands up to his Japanese commander in a POW camp and builds a bridge that becomes the downfall of those who cross it.

#### 40 THE BRIDGES AT TOKO-RI

Paramount, 1954

PRINCIPAL CAST William Holden, Grace Kelly, Fredric March, Mickey Rooney

Mark Robson DIRECTOR William Perlberg **PRODUCER SCREENWRITER** George Seaton

Lt. Harry Brubaker is a pilot in the Korean War, questioning the reasons America is even engaged in this conflict. He wants to go home to his wife and family. If he participates in the bombing of the Bridges at Toko-Ri, he may help change the course of the conflict – and he may die trying.

# 41 CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS

MGM, 1937

PRINCIPAL CAST Freddie Bartholomew, Spencer Tracy, Lionel Barrymore

DIRECTOR Victor Fleming PRODUCER Louis D. Lighton

SCREENWRITERS Marc Connelly, John Lee Mahin, Dale Van Every

A rich spoiled kid is lost at sea. Picked up by a fishing trawler, the lad is humbled by Manuel, a Portuguese fisherman, who shows him what it means to be a man. Manuel's death forces the boy to re-examine his difficult relationship with his father and live a better life.

# 42 **CAROUSEL**

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1956

PRINCIPAL CAST Shirley Jones, Gordon MacRae

DIRECTOR Henry King PRODUCER Henry Ephron

SCREENWRITERS Phoebe Ephron, Henry Ephron

Billy Bigelow has one last chance to make things right with his family – and he's got to do it from heaven. He may have let his wife down in life, but he's going to make sure his daughter never walks alone.

# 43 CASABLANCA

Warner Bros., 1942

PRINCIPAL CAST Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains, Paul Henreid

DIRECTOR Michael Curtiz PRODUCER Hal B. Wallis

SCREENWRITERS Julius J. Epstein, Philip G. Epstein, Howard Koch

Three people, whose lives don't add up to a hill of beans, sacrifice love at a time when the world is at war and hope is dim.

### 44 CAST AWAY

Twentieth Century-Fox, 2000

PRINCIPAL CAST Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt

DIRECTOR Robert Zemeckis

PRODUCERS Tom Hanks, Jack Rapke, Steve Starkey, Robert Zemeckis

SCREENWRITER William Broyles, Jr.

FedEx systems engineer Chuck Noland lives his life by the clock. His plane crashes in the middle of nowhere and he is the only survivor, cast away on an island for years. By the time he reaches home, Chuck's priorities have changed. He can take any fork in the road – and does.

# 45 THE CHAMP

MGM, 1931

PRINCIPAL CAST Wallace Beery, Jackie Cooper, Irene Rich

DIRECTOR King Vidor
PRODUCER King Vidor
SCREENWRITER Frances Marion

No matter how tough the circumstances, nothing can separate Dink from his pop – the washed-up boxing champ – gambling, liquor, even the mother who deserted Dink as a baby. The boxer returns to the ring just to keep his son. Even though he wins the bout, his heart gives out, leaving Dink in his mother's arms calling for the "Champ."

### 46 CHARIOTS OF FIRE

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1981

PRINCIPAL CAST Ben Cross, Ian Charleson, Ian Holm

DIRECTOR Hugh Hudson
PRODUCER David Puttnam
SCREENWRITER Colin Welland

Some race to win, others do it for God's pleasure. Two men, both outsiders in their own ways – Harold Abramson, a Jew in England, and Eric Liddell, a Scottish missionary reared in China – take home the highest accolades at the 1924 Olympics because they run like chariots of fire.

# 47 CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD

Paramount, 1986

PRINCIPAL CAST William Hurt, Marlee Matlin, Piper Laurie

DIRECTOR Randa Haines

PRODUCERS Patrick J. Palmer, Burt Sugerman

SCREENWRITER Hesper Anderson

Two people who might be better off without each other, learn that the silences they live with are more than just her loss of hearing and the barriers he created to shut out the world. Each must learn to listen, to hear, and to find a voice.

# 48 A CHRISTMAS CAROL

United Artists, 1951

PRINCIPAL CAST Alastair Sim, Kathleen Harrison, Mervyn Johns, Glyn Dearman

DIRECTOR Brian Desmond Hurst
PRODUCER Brian Desmond Hurst
SCREENWRITER Noel Langley

Ebenezer Scrooge finally gets the chance to right his wrongs when the ghosts of his old partner and the spirits of the past, the present, and the future put in appearances on Christmas Eve.

# 49 **CITY LIGHTS**

United Artists, 1931

PRINCIPAL CAST Charles Chaplin, Virginia Cherrill

DIRECTOR Charles Chaplin
PRODUCER Charles Chaplin
SCREENWRITER Charles Chaplin

One dark night the Little Tramp unwittingly saves a rich drunken man from drowning and benefits handsomely for his heroic efforts. He gives his windfall to a poor blind flower girl he loves very deeply. Her sight is restored and she opens a flower shop, all the time thinking her benefactor is a rich young man. It takes a few run-ins with the police and a stint in jail before the Little Tramp meets up with the flower girl who recognizes him the moment she presses a flower into the palm of his hand.

# 50 CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND

Columbia, 1977

PRINCIPAL CAST Richard Dreyfuss, Teri Garr, Francois Truffaut, Melinda Dillon

DIRECTOR Steven Spielberg

PRODUCERS Julia Phillips, Michael Phillips

SCREENWRITER Steven Spielberg

A group of unsuspecting Americans are haunted by their encounters with UFOs. They follow their convictions, despite the government's obstacles, to prove to themselves that what they saw was real and to believe in what might be.

#### 51 **COAL MINER'S DAUGHTER**

Universal, 1980

PRINCIPAL CAST Sissy Spacek, Tommy Lee Jones, Levon Helm

DIRECTOR Michael Apted
PRODUCER Bernard Schwartz
SCREENWRITER Thomas Rickman

When 13-year-old Loretta Webb from Butcher Holler marries and starts a family, it seems unlikely that her voice will change the course of country music. Once she hits the stage of the Grand Ole Opry, Loretta Lynn's life becomes all the things country songs are made of.

# 52 COCOON

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1985

PRINCIPAL CAST Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley, Hume Cronyn, Brian Dennehy,

Jessica Tandy

DIRECTOR Ron Howard

PRODUCERS David Brown, Lili Fini Zanuck, Richard D. Zanuck

SCREENWRITERS Tom Benedek, David Saperstein

You're only as old, or in the case of some senior citizens in Florida, as young as you feel. When some alien pods give them a second chance at a vigorous life – they dive right in!

# 53 THE COLOR OF MONEY

Touchstone, 1986

PRINCIPAL CAST Paul Newman, Tom Cruise, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, John Turturro

DIRECTOR Martin Scorsese

PRODUCERS Irving Axelrand, Barbara De Fina

SCREENWRITER Richard Price

Age has caught up with Fast Eddie Felson, and he's not the pool shark he once was. By taking on a young man with the same gifts he once had, Felson sees the chance to gain the self-respect he lost so many years earlier.

# 54 THE COLOR PURPLE

Warner Bros., 1985

PRINCIPAL CAST Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover, Oprah Winfrey, Margaret Avery

DIRECTOR Steven Spielberg

PRODUCERS Steven Spielberg, Kathleen Kennedy, Frank Marshall, Quincy Jones

SCREENWRITER Menno Meyjes

Raped and pregnant at 14, young Celie is forced to live a life without warmth or compassion. It takes a lifetime, but Celie is rewarded by a reunion with her sister and the children she never knew.

### 55 **COMING HOME**

United Artists, 1978

PRINCIPAL CAST Jane Fonda, Jon Voight, Bruce Dern, Penelope Milford

DIRECTOR Hal Ashby
PRODUCER Jerome Hellman

SCREENWRITERS Waldo Salt, Robert C. Jones

The war in Vietnam is tearing Sally apart. Her husband is over there fighting, and she begins to sense the futility of it all when she volunteers at a local VA hospital and falls in love with veteran Luke Martin. Luke lost the use of his legs in combat and will do anything to keep young men from fighting a losing battle.

# 56 **CONRACK**

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1974

PRINCIPAL CAST Jon Voight, Paul Winfield, Madge Sinclair

DIRECTOR Martin Ritt

PRODUCER Harriet Frank, Jr., Martin Ritt
SCREENWRITERS Irving Ravetch, Harriet Frank, Jr.

Conroy is a white teacher assigned to an isolated island off the coast of South Carolina. His challenge is to engage the young black students who can't see beyond the edge of their tiny enclave and to influence the superintendent who believes the school is a waste of time.

# 57 COOL HAND LUKE

Warner Bros., 1967

PRINCIPAL CAST Paul Newman, George Kennedy

DIRECTOR Stuart Rosenberg
PRODUCER Gordon Carroll

SCREENWRITERS Donn Pearce, Frank Pierson

Stuck in a chain gain, affable Luke Jackson can't and won't be broken. Even though his sadistic guards believe they have a failure to communicate, Luke takes his chances, as he'd rather be a free dead man than a living slave.

# 58 **COOL RUNNINGS**

Disney, 1993

PRINCIPAL CAST Leon, Doug E. Doug, Rawle D. Lewis, Malik Yoba, John Candy

DIRECTOR Jon Turteltaub PRODUCER Dawn Steel

SCREENWRITERS Lynn Siefert, Tommy Swerdlow, Michael Goldberg

If ever there was a long shot, it was the Jamaican Bobsled team at the 1988 Olympics. Four young men and their washed-up coach are a warm reminder of the true spirit of the Olympic Games.

# 59 **COP LAND**

Miramax, 1997

PRINCIPAL CAST Sylvester Stallone, Harvey Keitel, Ray Liotta, Robert De Niro

DIRECTOR James Mangold

PRODUCERS Cathy Konrad, Ezra Swerdlow, Cary Woods

SCREENWRITER James Mangold

A slight hearing loss keeps Sheriff Fred Heflin from becoming one of New York's finest. Corruption and racially motivated conspiracies rear their ugly heads in Heflin's little New Jersey town, largely populated by many members of the NYPD. It's up to this local cop to do the right thing.

# 60 THE COWBOYS

Warner Bros., 1972

PRINCIPAL CAST John Wayne, Roscoe Lee Browne, Bruce Dern, Slim Pickens

DIRECTOR Mark Rydell PRODUCER Mark Rydell

SCREENWRITERS Irving Kavetch, Harriet Frank, Jr., William Dale Jennings

Wil Anderson has got to get his cattle to market, otherwise he loses the ranch. Stuck with a group of green schoolboys, Wil and his cook teach the boys the ropes and the schoolboys come home cowboys!

# 61 **CRY FREEDOM**

Universal, 1987

PRINCIPAL CAST Denzel Washington, Kevin Kline, Josette Simon

DIRECTOR Richard Attenborough PRODUCER Richard Attenborough

SCREENWRITER John Briley

Two men in South Africa – one black and one white – go up against apartheid at a time when it means certain death. Steven Biko, a black activist dies in custody. His friend, Donald Woods, must flee his homeland if he wants to tell the world about Biko's cause.

# 62 DANCES WITH WOLVES

Orion, 1990

PRINCIPAL CAST Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell, Graham Greene

DIRECTOR Kevin Costner

PRODUCERS Kevin Costner, Jim Wilson

SCREENWRITER Michael Blake

Lt. John Dunbar is horrified by the bloodshed he witnesses in the Civil War. He requisitions a post on the western edge of the American plains, where he quickly adopts the lifestyle of the Lakota Indians he befriends. Dunbar sheds the ways of the white man and becomes "Dances With Wolves" – a man caught between two worlds.

### 63 DARK VICTORY

Warner Bros., 1939

PRINCIPAL CAST Bette Davis, George Brent, Humphrey Bogart, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Ronald

Reagan

DIRECTOR Edmund Goulding

PRODUCERS David Lewis, Hal B. Wallis

SCREENWRITER Casey Robinson

Judith Traherne lives the kind of pampered life we only read about. When she develops a lethal brain tumor, her surgeon hides the truth – she only has months to live. But her doctor's love helps her understand how to fill her final days with dignity, and her dark victory.

# 64 **DAVE**

Warner Bros., 1993

PRINCIPAL CAST Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver, Frank Langella, Ving Rhames,

Ben Kingsley

DIRECTOR Ivan Reitman

PRODUCER Ivan Reitman, Lauren Shuler Donner

SCREENWRITER Gary Ross

Dave Kovic is pressed into service as a look-alike for the President of the United States, who suffers a stroke while having sex with a young aide. The Chief of Staff, who is both corrupt and power-hungry, believes Dave is his meal ticket to the Oval Office. But Dave has more common sense than the entire West Wing.

# 65 THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1951

PRINCIPAL CAST Michael Rennie, Patricia Neal, Hugh Marlowe, Billy Gray

DIRECTOR Robert Wise
PRODUCER Julian Blaustein
SCREENWRITER Edmund H. North

At the height of the Cold War, a spaceship lands in Washington, DC. Klaatu, an alien, warns the world to stop the violence or the future of the planet is at stake. "Your choice is simple: join us and live in peace, or pursue your present course and face obliteration." The Earth stood still and hope moved us all.

#### 66 **DEAD MAN WALKING**

MGM, 1995

PRINCIPAL CAST Susan Sarandon, Sean Penn

DIRECTOR Tim Robbins

PRODUCERS Jon Kilik, Tim Robbins, Rudd Simmons

SCREENWRITER Tim Robbins

Sister Helen Prejean is torn between forgiveness for a murderer on death row and her compassion for the victim's family. The conflict forces her to draw upon all of her Christian beliefs, and bring humanity to all sides of the tragedy.

### 67 **DEAD POETS SOCIETY**

Touchstone, 1989

PRINCIPAL CAST Robin Williams, Robert Sean Leonard, Ethan Hawke

DIRECTOR Peter Weir

PRODUCERS Steven Haft, Tony Thomas, Paul Junger Witt

SCREENWRITER Tom Schulman

A private school teacher inspires his students with stories of the Dead Poets Society and inspires them with the words "carpe diem" – seize the day. His methods are considered radical, and he runs up against the same status quo he hopes the young men will fight.

# 68 THE DEFIANT ONES

United Artists, 1958

PRINCIPAL CAST Sidney Poitier, Tony Curtis, Theodore Bikel, Cara Williams

DIRECTOR Stanley Kramer
PRODUCER Stanley Kramer

SCREENWRITERS Harold Jacob Smith, Nedrick Young

Two convicts, one white and one black, escape prison while they are chained together. If they are to survive and escape capture, they must learn to how to live together.

# 69 **DESTINATION TOKYO**

Warner Bros., 1944

PRINCIPAL CAST Cary Grant, John Garfield, Alan Hale

DIRECTOR Delmer Daves PRODUCER Jerry Wald

SCREENWRITERS Delmer Daves, Albert Maltz

It's 1943 and a US submarine is on a daring and dangerous mission off the coast of Japan. The crew's mission – go ashore and obtain information that will help a future air attack on the Land of the Rising Sun.

# 70 **DESTRY RIDES AGAIN**

Universal, 1939

PRINCIPAL CAST James Stewart, Marlene Dietrich, Brian Donlevy, Una Merkel

DIRECTOR George Marshall PRODUCER Joe Pasternak

SCREENWRITERS Felix Jackson, Gertrude Purcell, Henry Myers

Bottleneck's a town that needs to be tamed. Thomas Jefferson Destry rides into town and overcomes the gambling, the politics, and even softens up saloon singer Frenchy, who knows what the boys in the back room will have.

# 71 THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1959

PRINCIPAL CAST Millie Perkins, Joseph Schildkraut, Richard Beymer, Shelley Winters,

Ed Wynn

DIRECTOR George Stevens
PRODUCER George Stevens

SCREENWRITERS Frances Goodrich, Albert Hackett

In spite of everything, Anne Frank believes "that people are really good at heart." She and her family hide in the attic of an Amsterdam house for over two years hoping to escape the Nazis' terror. Her diary is a testament to resilience and hope when the world is at its darkest.

# 72 **DIRTY DANCING**

Artisan, 1987

PRINCIPAL CAST Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze, Jerry Orbach, Cynthia Rhodes

DIRECTOR Emile Ardolino

PRODUCERS Linda Gottlieb, Eleanor Bergstein

SCREENWRITER Eleanor Bergstein

Baby's got all the right moves and proves it when she stands up for the man she loves – the summer resort's dance teacher. Together, they have the time of their lives.

# 73 THE DIRTY DOZEN

MGM, 1967

PRINCIPAL CAST

Lee Marvin, Richard Jaeckel, George Kennedy, Charles Bronson,
Jim Brown, John Cassavetes, Telly Savalas, Donald Sutherland, Clint

Walker

DIRECTOR Robert Aldrich
PRODUCER Kenneth Hyman

SCREENWRITERS Nunnally Johnson, Lukas Heller

A dozen soldiers convicted of murder, rape, and robbery are given a chance to redeem themselves shortly before D-Day; they must destroy a French chateau, full of Germany's highest-ranking officers. Success means a pardon, but they'll need to survive first.

#### 74 **DISRAELI**

Warner Bros., 1929

PRINCIPAL CAST George Arliss, Doris Lloyd, Joan Bennett

DIRECTOR Alfred E. Green SCREENWRITER Julien Josephson

Out of power and almost out of options, former British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli outfoxes the Bank of England and his liberal opponent Gladstone by purchasing the Suez Canal. Queen Victoria's position as Empress of India is secure, and Mr. Disraeli is the darling of Downing Street.

# 75 **DO THE RIGHT THING**

Universal, 1989

PRINCIPAL CAST Danny Aiello, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Richard Edson, Giancarlo Esposito,

Spike Lee, Bill Nunn, John Turturro

DIRECTOR Spike Lee

PRODUCERS Spike Lee, Monty Ross

SCREENWRITER Spike Lee

On the hottest day of the summer in Brooklyn's Bed-Stuy neighborhood, every racial group is faced with the heat of their own prejudices. Even amidst the chaos that ensues, the words of Da Mayor ring true: "Do the right thing."

# 76 DR. EHRLICH'S MAGIC BULLET

Warner Bros., 1940

PRINCIPAL CAST Edward G. Robinson, Ruth Gordon, Otto Kruger

DIRECTOR William Dieterle
PRODUCER Hal B. Wallis

SCREENWRITERS John Huston, Heinz Herald, Norman Burnside

German physician Paul Ehrlich first develops the vaccine for diphtheria with his friend Dr. von Behring, but his dream is to find a "magic bullet" to destroy invading microbes. He pushes to find a cure for syphilis, but loses most of his funding. A wealthy patron backs him, but the struggle to find a cure takes everything out of him. He pays for the miracle cure with his life.

# 77 DRIVING MISS DAISY

Warner Bros., 1989

PRINCIPAL CAST Jessica Tandy, Morgan Freeman, Dan Aykroyd

DIRECTOR Bruce Beresford

PRODUCERS Richard D. Zanuck, Lili Fini Zanuck

SCREENWRITER Alfred Uhry

She's a rich southern Jewish woman and he's an African-American chauffeur. His good-natured ways charm the woman who is slowly losing her independence in her old age. We witness twenty years in the lives of two old souls, who couldn't be more different, yet more alike.

# **78 DUMBO**

Disney, 1941

PRINCIPAL CAST Verna Felton, Sterling Holloway, Edward Brophy, Cliff Edwards (voices)

DIRECTOR Ben Sharpsteen PRODUCER Walt Disney

SCREENWRITERS Joe Grant, Dick Huemer

Dumbo's got two huge obstacles to overcome – his ears! They're so large everyone makes fun of him and his confidence is smaller then his only friend, Timothy Mouse. The moment he believes he can fly, Dumbo's self-esteem soars and he makes believers of everyone when they see an elephant fly!

# 79 E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL

Universal, 1982

PRINCIPAL CAST Henry Thomas, Drew Barrymore, Robert MacNaughton,

Dee Wallace-Stone, Peter Coyote

DIRECTOR Steven Spielberg

PRODUCER Kathleen Kennedy, Steven Spielberg

SCREENWRITER Melissa Mathison

Upset by his parent's divorce, Elliot discovers the true meaning of friendship, when a stranded alien he calls "E.T." wants to go home.

#### 80 EDISON, THE MAN

MGM, 1940

PRINCIPAL CAST Spencer Tracy, Rita Johnson

DIRECTOR Clarence Brown

John W. Considine, Jr. **PRODUCER** 

**SCREENWRITERS** Bradbury Foote, Talbot Jennings

Tom Edison is shunned by big money and the establishment. Opposed by gas interests, he has only six months to illuminate New York City. But he's got a bright idea, and the rest, as they say, is history!

#### 81 8 MILE

Universal, 2002

PRINCIPAL CAST Eminem, Kim Basinger, Mekhi Phifer, Brittany Murphy

**DIRECTOR** Curtis Hanson

**PRODUCERS** Brian Grazer, Curtis Hanson, Jimmy Iovine

**SCREENWRITER** Scott Silver

A white kid from the wrong side of Detroit's 8 Mile strives to make it to the top of the rap world.

#### 82 **EL CID**

Allied Artists, 1961

PRINCIPAL CAST Charlton Heston, Sophia Loren, Raf Vallone, Geneviève Page

DIRECTOR Anthony Mann **PRODUCER** 

Samuel Bronston Fredric M. Frank, Philip Yordan SCREENWRITERS

Rodrigo Díaz de Vivar fights for the honor of Spain against the Moors. Courageous and wise, he liberates a group of Emirs who vow never to attack Castile. His compassionate zeal divides the country and drives his beloved Chimene into a convent. Torn apart by blood feuds, Spain needs the leadership of El Cid. He wins back the love of Chimene, but dies driving the Moors back to the sea.

#### 83 **ERIN BROCKOVICH**

Universal, 2000

PRINCIPAL CAST Julia Roberts, Albert Finney, Aaron Eckhart, Marg Helgenberger,

Cherry Jones, Conchata Ferrell

Steven Soderbergh **DIRECTOR** 

Danny DeVito, Michael Shamberg, Stacey Sher **PRODUCERS** 

**SCREENWRITER** Susannah Grant

Erin Brockovich is a single mom in need of a paycheck, but when she unearths a questionable real estate case she takes on a powerful utility company and becomes an Ámerican hero.

# 84 **EXODUS**

United Artists, 1960

PRINCIPAL CAST Paul Newman, Eva Marie Saint, Ralph Richardson, Peter Lawford,

Lee J. Cobb, Sal Mineo

DIRECTOR Otto Preminger
PRODUCER Otto Preminger
SCREENWRITER Dalton Trumbo

A ship of Holocaust survivors arrives in Israel and joins Israelis fighting for independence and statehood.

### 85 **FAME**

MGM, 1980

PRINCIPAL CAST Irene Cara, Lee Curreri, Laura Dean, Antonia Franceschi

DIRECTOR Alan Parker

PRODUCERS David De Silva, Alan Marshall

SCREENWRITER Christopher Gore

Students at New York's High School for the Performing Arts get lessons in life, love, and disappointment as they transition from wanting their dream to living it – out there on their own.

# 86 FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF

Paramount, 1986

PRINCIPAL CAST Matthew Broderick, Alan Ruck, Mia Sara, Jeffrey Jones, Jennifer Grey

DIRECTOR John Hughes

PRODUCERS John Hughes, Tom Jacobson

SCREENWRITER John Hughes

"Life moves pretty fast," and Ferris doesn't want to miss anything. He teaches his friends how to stop and look around – on a school day.

# 87 FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

United Artists, 1971

PRINCIPAL CAST Topol, Norma Crane, Leonard Frey, Molly Picon

DIRECTOR Norman Jewison
PRODUCER Norman Jewison
SCREENWRITER Joseph Stein

Tevye explains in the film's opening lines that he and the people of Anatevka are like fiddlers on a roof – all trying to scratch out a simple tune without breaking their necks. They stay on the roof because Anatevka – for all its faults – is their home. And they keep their balance with one word: Tradition!

#### 88 **FIELD OF DREAMS**

Universal, 1989

PRINCIPAL CAST Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan, James Earl Jones, Burt Lancaster,

Ray Liotta

Phil Alden Robinson DIRECTOR

**PRODUCERS** Charles Gordon, Lawrence Gordon

**SCREENWRITER** Phil Alden Robinson

Ray Kinsella hears a voice tell him, "If you build it, he will come." He follows his heart and finds the answers to some of life's eternal questions when he transforms his lowa cornfield into a baseball field.

#### 89 FINDING NEVERLAND

Miramax, 2004

PRINCIPAL CAST Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet, Julie Christie, Dustin Hoffman

DIRECTOR Mark Forster

**PRODUCERS** Nellie Bellflower, Richard N. Gladstein

**SCREENWRITER** David Magee

A widow and her four children inspire successful but lonely playwright J. M. Barrie to write the eternal story of Peter Pan, the boy who refuses to grow up.

#### 90 **FLASHDANCE**

Paramount, 1983

PRINCIPAL CAST Jennifer Beals, Michael Nouri

**DIRECTOR** 

Adrian Lyne Peter Guber, Jon Peters **PRODUCERS** Tom Hedley, Joe Eszterhas **SCREENWRITERS** 

A little woman with big dreams toils in the steel mills of Pittsburgh, while pursing her real dream - joining the local ballet company. With almost no training, she takes on the dance establishment – what a feeling!

#### 91 **FOOTLOOSE**

Paramount, 1984

Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer, John Lithgow, Dianne Wiest, Chris Penn, PRINCIPAL CAST

Sarah Jessica Parker

**DIRECTOR** Herbert Ross

**PRODUCERS** Lewis J. Rachmil, Craig Zaden

**SCREENWRITER** Dean Pitchford

Whoever heard of a town where rock music and dance are banned? Ren, a high school kid from Chicago is stuck in this nowhere place and he's got rhythm in his feet. He takes on the town for a chance to shake, rattle, and roll at the Senior Prom. Let's hear it for the boy!

# 92 **FORREST GUMP**

Paramount, 1994

PRINCIPAL CAST Tom Hanks, Robin Wright Penn, Gary Sinise, Mykelti Williamson,

Sally Field

DIRECTOR Robert Zemeckis

PRODUCERS Wendy Finerman, Steve Starkey, Steve Tisch

SCREENWRITER Eric Roth

Against all odds, the guy with the low IQ conquers the world and finds his destiny, but true love, the one thing he wants, eludes him. That love gives him the gift of unconditional love and like his momma said, "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."

# 93 **FOUR FEATHERS**

Paramount, 1929

PRINCIPAL CAST Richard Arlen, Fay Wray, Clive Brook, William Powell DIRECTORS Merian C. Cooper, Lothar Mendes, Ernest B. Schoedsack

PRODUCER David O. Selznick

SCREENWRITERS Hope Loring, Howard Estabrook, John Farrow, Julian Johnson

A young British officer leaves his regiment for a girl, but it is really cowardice that drives him out of the Sudan. His friends each send him a white feather, the symbol of a coward. His father's death results, and the young man takes off for Africa, where he avenges his father and proves his courage – above and beyond the call of duty.

# 94 FREE WILLY

Warner Bros., 1993

PRINCIPAL CAST Jason James Richter, Lori Petty, Michael Madsen, Michael Ironside

DIRECTOR Simon Wincer

PRODUCERS

Jennie Lew Tugend, Lauren Shuler Donner
SCREENWRITERS

Keith A. Walker, Corey Blechman

Jesse's a street kid with a mess of problems and an odd friend – a killer whale. The moment he realizes his beloved orca will be killed, the troubled youth finds a purpose in life – to free Willy.

# 95 THE FRESHMAN

Pathé, 1925

PRINCIPAL CAST Harold Lloyd, Jobyna Ralston, Brooks Benedict

DIRECTORS Sam Taylor, Fred C. Newmeyer

PRODUCER Harold Lloyd

SCREENWRITERS Sam Taylor, John Grey, Ted Wilde, Tim Whelan

The original nerd, Harold Lamb, goes to college and finds himself the butt of practical jokes and an outcast. But the Freshman doesn't get even, he gets popular!

# 96 FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

Universal, 1991

PRINCIPAL CAST Kathy Bates, Mary Stuart Masterson, Mary-Louise Parker, Jessica Tandy

DIRECTOR Jon Ávnet

PRODUCERS Jon Avnet, Jordan Kerner SCREENWRITERS Fannie Flagg, Carol Sobieski

Evelyn Couch is a mess. She's overweight, her husband ignores her – and she becomes, in a word, invisible. Her chance meeting with an elderly woman in a nursing home and the tales she spins of two young women in 1920s Alabama, have a profound effect on Evelyn, helping her change the course of her dull life.

# 97 **GANDHI**

Columbia, 1982

PRINCIPAL CAST Ben Kingsley, John Gielgud, John Mills, Trevor Howard, Edward Fox,

Martin Sheen, Candice Bergen

DIRECTOR Richard Attenborough PRODUCER Richard Attenborough

SCREENWRITER John Briley

A small, slight man leads the Indian revolt and stands up to the powerful British Empire by following his own personal philosophy of non-violence. He brings Great Britain to its knees and gives his fellow Indians the opportunity to become first-class citizens in their own country.

# 98 THE GENERAL

United Artists, 1927

PRINCIPAL CAST
DIRECTORS
Buster Keaton, Marion Mack
Buster Keaton, Clyde Bruckman
PRODUCERS
Buster Keaton, Joseph M. Schenck

SCREENWRITERS Buster Keaton, Clyde Bruckman, Charles Henry Smith

Engineer Johnnie Gray loves only two things – Annabelle Lee and his train. When Union spies steal them both, Johnnie must rescue his girl and *The General* to prove himself.

# 99 GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1947

PRINCIPAL CAST Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire, John Garfield, Celeste Holm,

Anne Revere, June Havoc, Dean Stockwell

DIRECTOR Elia Kazan
PRODUCER Darryl F. Zanuck
SCREENWRITER Moss Hart

At first, reporter Phil Green is lukewarm about taking the assignment of exposing anti-Semitism. As he begins to understand the subtleties of racism, he poses as a Jew and discovers a darker side of humanity, especially from the woman he loves.

# 100 **GHOST**

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1990

PRINCIPAL CAST Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Whoopi Goldberg, Tony Goldwyn

DIRECTOR Jerry Zucker
PRODUCER Lisa Weinstein
SCREENWRITER Bruce Joel Rubin

Before Sam is murdered, he finds it impossible to say the words Molly longs to hear, "I love you." But his spirit remains on Earth, and he helps Molly through her grief and ultimately exposes his killer. More importantly, Sam gets another chance to express himself to his true love.

### 101 **GLADIATOR**

DreamWorks, 2000

PRINCIPAL CAST Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Oliver Reed,

Richard Harris

DIRECTOR Ridley Scott

PRODUCER David H. Franzoni, Branko Lustig, Douglas Wick SCREENWRITER David H. Franzoni, John Logan, William Nicholson

Honored by the Emperor of Rome and his people, Maximus is chosen as the heir to the throne. Before he can rule, the Emperor's son Commodus condemns Maximus and his family to death. Only Maximus survives, and must avenge his family name.

# 102 **GLORY**

TriStar, 1989

PRINCIPAL CAST Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington, Cary Elwes, Morgan Freeman

DIRECTOR Edward Zwick
PRODUCER Freddie Fields
SCREENWRITER Kevin Jarre

A regiment of ragtag volunteer soldiers forms the first all-black company during the Civil War. Their courage and defiance fighting prejudice on both sides of the Mason-Dixon line is a legacy for all men and women.

### 103 **GO, MAN, GO!**

United Artists, 1954

PRINCIPAL CAST Dane Clark, Patricia Breslin, Sidney Poitier, The Harlem Globetrotters

DIRECTOR James Wong Howe PRODUCER Anton Leader SCREENWRITER Alfred Palca

Abe Saperstein has a dream like no other – he wants his Harlem Globetrotters to become household names. At a time when it's almost impossible to get people into a basketball arena, Saperstein and his all-star black team make the impossible possible.

# 104 GOD IS MY CO-PILOT

Warner Bros., 1945

PRINCIPAL CAST Dennis Morgan, Dane Clark, Raymond Massey, Alan Hale

DIRECTOR Robert Florey
PRODUCER Robert Buckner

SCREENWRITERS Abem Finkel, Peter Milne

Ever since he was a kid in Georgia, West Point grad Robert Scott dreamed of flying his own plane. With the outbreak of World War II, he's grounded as a flight instructor. Itching to spread his wings, Scottie gets his chance with the famed Flying Tigers. A one-man killing squad, he begins to question his feelings. His resolve takes him back to the skies and a bombing raid over Hong Kong. Presumed dead, Scottie surprises everyone and returns to fly one last mission.

# 105 GODSPELL

Columbia, 1973

PRINCIPAL CAST Victor Garber, Katie Hanley, David Haskell

DIRECTOR David Greene
PRODUCER Edgar Lansbury

SCREENWRITERS David Greene, John-Michael Tebelak

A troupe of young actors in New York prepare the way for the Lord in a modern retelling of the Gospel According to St. Matthew.

# 106 GOING MY WAY

Paramount, 1944

PRINCIPAL CAST Bing Crosby, Barry Fitzgerald, The Robert Mitchell Boy Choir

DIRECTOR Leo McCarey
PRODUCER Leo McCarey

SCREENWRITERS Frank Butler, Frank Cavett, Leo McCarey

Unconventional Father O'Malley has a new place to hang his collar and a lot of bridge-building to do. The parishioners prefer old Father Fitzgibbon and Fitzgibbon's got a mortgage to pay if he wants to keep his church. O'Malley navigates these treacherous waters by swinging on a star and keeping his promises to the church and himself.

# 107 GONE WITH THE WIND

MGM, 1939

PRINCIPAL CAST Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh, Leslie Howard, Olivia de Havilland

DIRECTOR Victor Fleming
PRODUCER David O. Selznick
SCREENWRITER Sidney Howard

Scarlett O'Hara will never go hungry again! Even though she loses everything – Rhett, Bonnie, and her beloved plantation home – this belle of the south is a survivor, and when all else fails, she's got the land – she's got Tara!

# 108 THE GOOD EARTH

MGM, 1937

PRINCIPAL CAST Paul Muni, Luise Rainer, Walter Connolly, Tilly Losch, Charley Grapewin

DIRECTOR Sidney Franklin PRODUCER Albert Lewin

SCREENWRITER Talbot Jennings, Tess Slesinger, Claudine West

Wang Lung is a poor farmer trying to make good with his practical wife, O-Lan. Together, their arranged marriage survives famine, revolution, locusts, and even his dalliance with a younger woman.

# 109 GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM

Touchstone, 1987

PRINCIPAL CAST Robin Williams, Forest Whitaker, Bruno Kirby

DIRECTOR Barry Levinson

PRODUCER Mark Johnson, Larry Brezner

SCREENWRITER Mitch Markowitz

Adrian Cronauer is like a little bomb going off every morning on Armed Forces Radio. The men in Vietnam love it. The towering powers of the military don't. Cronauer is out, but not before what he witnesses in Vietnam transforms him into a wiser, deeper soul.

# 110 GOOD WILL HUNTING

Miramax, 1997

PRINCIPAL CAST Robin Williams, Matt Damon, Ben Affleck, Stellan Skarsgård,

Minnie Driver,

Casey Affleck

DIRECTOR Gus Van Sant
PRODUCER Lawrence Bender
SCREENWRITERS Matt Damon, Ben Affleck

A math genius is afraid to turn his back on his best friend and the south Boston neighborhood he loves. But he also has to work through his troubled childhood and run-ins with the law. A psychiatrist with a difficult past himself must help Will get beyond what was and onto what is.

# 111 GOODBYE, MR. CHIPS

MGM, 1939

PRINCIPAL CAST Robert Donat, Greer Garson, Terry Kilburn, John Mills, Paul Henreid

DIRECTOR Sam Wood PRODUCER Victor Saville

SCREENWRITERS R. C. Sherriff, Claudine West, Eric Maschwitz

Mr. Chipping is a shy and lonely teacher at England's Brookfield Academy. He loves his students, but they can't get past his authoritarian manner. It takes a walking trip to Vienna and the love of a woman many years his junior to help him see the sunnier side of life. Though she dies in childbirth, her love transforms Chips, as she calls him, and every generation of Brookfield boys is ready to face the world under the lasting guidance of Mr. Chips.

# 112 GORILLAS IN THE MIST: THE STORY OF DIAN FOSSEY

Universal, 1988

PRINCIPAL CAST Sigourney Weaver, Bryan Brown, Julie Harris

DIRECTOR Michael Ápted

PRODUCERS Terence A. Clegg, Arne Glimcher

SCREENWRITER Anna Hamilton Phelan

Nothing's going to stop Dian Fossey from saving her beloved gorillas from the poachers in Rwanda. Extremely attached to a young one she names Digit, Fossey watches him grow, then falls apart when vengeful poachers kill him. Ruthless and relentless, she lives among the gorillas for 18 years, until her mysterious death – a murder that has never been solved.

### 113 THE GRAPES OF WRATH

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1940

PRINCIPAL CAST Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine, Charley Grapewin

DIRECTOR John Ford
PRODUCER Darryl F. Zanuck
SCREENWRITER Nunnally Johnson

A family torn apart by the Depression refuses to give up on each other and those they love, no matter the cost. Death and separation are almost more than they can bear, but the matriarch, Ma Joad, says it best, "Rich folk come up an' they die, an' their kids ain't no good an' they die out. But we keep a-coming, Pa, cuz we're the people that live."

# 114 THE GREAT ESCAPE

United Artists, 1963

PRINCIPAL CAST Steve McQueen, James Garner, Richard Attenborough, James Donald,

Charles Bronson, Donald Pleasence, James Coburn

DIRECTOR John Sturges PRODUCER John Sturges

SCREENWRITERS James Clavell, W. R. Burnett

This movie is dedicated to the fifty men killed by the Nazis after attempting "the great escape" from a German POW camp.

# 115 THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

United Artists, 1965

PRINCIPAL CAST

Max von Sydow, Dorothy McGuire, Charlton Heston, Claude Rains,
Telly Savalas, Martin Landau, Angela Lansbury, David McCallum

DIRECTOR George Stevens
PRODUCER George Stevens

SCREENWRITERS James Lee Barrett, George Stevens

The story of Jesus Christ – from his birth to his crucifixion – inspires those who cross his path.

### 116 THE GREEN MILE

**DIRECTOR** 

Warner Bros., 1999

PRINCIPAL CAST Tom Hanks, David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Michael Clarke Duncan,

James Cromwell Frank Darabont

PRODUCERS Frank Darabont, David Valdes

SCREENWRITER Frank Darabont

In the 1930s, a small group of prison guards come to realize that a wrongly convicted man has the power to heal, though they are powerless to save him from execution.

#### 117 GUADALCANAL DIARY

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1943

PRINCIPAL CAST Preston Foster, Lloyd Nolan, William Bendix, Richard Conte,

Anthony Quinn, Richard Jaeckel

DIRECTOR Lewis Seiler PRODUCER Bryan Foy

SCREENWRITERS Lamar Trotti, Jerome Cady

A group of marines head for Guadalcanal, where they do nothing but wait to get in the war. Unnerved by Japanese snipers, the men grow weary, and tension rapidly mounts as they yearn to fight an enemy they can't see. A submarine attack shells the island and the men are finally engaged in full combat. Heavy casualties almost break their spirit, but the Marines fight on, securing the stronghold and claiming an early victory on December 10, 1942.

# 118 GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

Columbia, 1967

PRINCIPAL CAST Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Sidney Poitier, Katharine Houghton,

DIRECTOR Stanley Kramer
PRODUCER Stanley Kramer
SCREENWRITER William Rose

The liberal Draytons are faced with the fact that their daughter is about to marry Dr. John Prentice, a black doctor. Everything they believe is challenged and John's family must come to terms with the news as well. In the end, Matt Drayton reminds all that what matters is how the young couple feel for each other.

# 119 GUNGA DIN

RKO, 1939

PRINCIPAL CAST Cary Grant, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Victor McLaglen, Sam Jaffe

DIRECTOR George Stevens

PRODUCERS Pandro S. Berman, George Stevens

SCREENWRITERS Joel Sayre, Fred Guiol

Native water carrier Gunga Din longs to be a British soldier. His heroic deeds in the heat of battle cost him his life, but not before saving an entire battalion and his three staunchest allies, Sergeants Cutter, MacChesney, and Ballantine. Din is given the rank of corporal and buried with full military honors.

# 120 THE GUNS OF NAVARONE

Columbia, 1961

PRINCIPAL CAST Gregory Peck, David Niven, Anthony Quinn, Irene Papas

DIRECTOR J. Lee Thompson
PRODUCER Carl Foreman
SCREENWRITER Carl Foreman

Two thousand British soldiers are trapped on the island of Kiros. The only way out is through a strait manned by powerful cannons. A small team of British soldiers and Greek resistance fighters must blow up the guns to provide safe passage for the rescue team.

# 121 A GUY NAMED JOE

MGM, 1944

PRINCIPAL CAST Spencer Tracy, Irene Dunne, Van Johnson, Ward Bond, James Gleason,

Lionel Barrymore, Barry Nelson, Esther Williams

DIRECTOR Victor Fleming
PRODUCER Everett Riskin
SCREENWRITER Dalton Trumbo

At the height of World War II, ace pilot Pete Sandidge's "number is up." Now on the other side, Pete becomes a guardian angel and guides a young pilot in the air and on the ground. He even steers him on the path to love – with Dorinda, Pete's old girlfriend, who still sees Pete in her dreams.

# 122 HAROLD AND MAUDE

Paramount, 1972

PRINCIPAL CAST Ruth Gordon, Bud Cort, Vivian Pickles

DIRECTOR Hal Ashby

PRODUCERS Colin Higgins, Charles B. Mulvehill

SCREENWRITER Colin Higgins

Harold is obsessed with death, though he's only 20. Maude is obsessed with life – she's only 70. The oddest couple in the history of movies fall in love, much to the shock of everyone they know. With Maude's death, Harold finally comes to appreciate life.

#### 123 **HEIDI**

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1937

PRINCIPAL CAST Shirley Temple, Jean Hersholt, Arthur Treacher

DIRECTOR Allan Dwan
PRODUCER Darryl F. Zanuck

SCREENWRITERS Walter Ferris, Julien Josephson

A little Swiss orphan is sent to live with her bitter and reclusive grandfather, and her kindness and tenderness melt the old man's heart. Then ripped from his home, Heidi is taken to Frankfurt to work as a companion to an invalid girl close to her age. The grandfather begins a journey on foot to find his beloved granddaughter.

### 124 **HERO**

Columbia, 1992

PRINCIPAL CAST Dustin Hoffman, Geena Davis, Andy Garcia, Joan Cusack

DIRECTOR
PRODUCER
SCREENWRITER
SCREENWRITER
Stephen Frears
Laura Ziskin
David Webb Peoples

Hustler and thief Bernie Laplante finally does the right thing. A plane crashes and he saves some of the passengers. Only problem, someone else takes the credit – and the reward. If he speaks up, his cover is blown, the cops will trap him, and he'll never see his kid again. His work as a good Samaritan could be the tipping point.

# 125 **HIGH NOON**

United Artists, 1952

PRINCIPAL CAST Gary Cooper, Grace Kelly, Lloyd Bridges

DIRECTOR Fred Zinnemann
PRODUCER Stanley Kramer
SCREENWRITER Carl Foreman

Sheriff Will Kane is headed for his honeymoon when word that Frank Miller and his gang are returning to town for revenge. As the minutes tick by, Kane realizes all too well that he must stand for what's right, though he'll be on his own come high noon.

# 126 **HOOSIERS**

Orion, 1986

PRINCIPAL CAST Gene Hackman, Barbara Hershey, Dennis Hopper, Maris Valainis,

Sheb Wooley

DIRECTOR David Anspaugh

PRODUCER Carter DeHaven, Angelo Pizzo

SCREENWRITER Angelo Pizzo

Everybody in a small Indiana town yearns to feel like a winner – the coach with the checkered past, the town drunk who was once a promising basketball star, and a bunch of talented athletes with no discipline. How they make it to the 1954 Indiana State Basketball Championship is a miraculous journey for all of them.

# 127 **HOTEL RWANDA**

United Artists, 2004

PRINCIPAL CAST Don Cheadle, Sophie Okonedo, Desmond Dube, Nick Nolte,

Joaquin Phoenix, Jean Reno

DIRECTOR Terry George

PRODUCERS Terry George, A. Kitman Ho SCREENWRITERS Keir Pearson, Terry George

The world looks the other way as a million Tutsi are slaughtered in an ethnic cleansing. One hotel manager stands tall and finds the means to rescue and save over 1,000 Tutsi from the Hutu militia.

### 128 HOW THE WEST WAS WON

MGM, 1962

PRINCIPAL CAST James Stewart, Karl Malden, Gregory Peck, Carroll Baker, Lee J. Cobb,

Debbie Reynolds, Henry Fonda

DIRECTOR John Ford, Henry Hathaway, George Marshall

SCREENWRITER James R. Webb

During America's great expansion west, one pioneer family is tested over and over again as they make the epic journey across the Erie Canal, over the plains and the prairie, suffer through the Civil War, and dig for gold in California.

# 129 **THE HURRICANE**

Universal, 1999

PRINCIPAL CAST Denzel Washington, Vicellous Reon Shannon, Deborah Kara Unger,

Liev Schreiber Norman Jewison

DIRECTOR Norman Jewison

PRODUCERS Norman Jewison, Armyan Bernstein, John Ketcham

SCREENWRITERS Armyan Bernstein, Dan Gordon

While rising up from his troubled youth, middleweight boxing contender Rubin "Hurricane" Carter is wrongly convicted of a triple murder. Sentenced to three life terms, Carter's autobiography inspires people who work to free him after 11 years in prison.

# 130 I AM SAM

New Line, 2001

PRINCIPAL CAST Sean Penn, Michelle Pfeiffer, Dakota Fanning, Dianne Wiest

DIRECTOR Jessie Nelson

PRODUCER Marshall Herskovitz, Jessie Nelson, Richard Solomon, Edward Zwick

SCREENWRITERS Kristine Johnson, Jessie Nelson

Sam is mentally challenged and his daughter is falling behind in school – intentionally – because she doesn't want to appear smarter than her father. When Sam's fitness as a parent is questioned, he realizes he'll need to succeed in the courtroom, but he'll first need to convince his coldhearted attorney that he's up for the job.

# 131 ICE CASTLES

Columbia, 1978

PRINCIPAL CAST Robby Benson, Lynn-Holly Johnson, Colleen Dewhurst, Tom Skerritt,

Jennifer Warren

DIRECTOR Donald Wrye PRODUCER John Kemeny

SCREENWRITERS Donald Wrye, Gary L. Baim

Alexis Winston is about to conquer the competitive world of figure skating when a horrible accident changes her life in a flash. Determined to get back her edge, she must prove to herself and all the people around her that she's got the stuff dreams are made of.

# 132 IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT

United Artists, 1967

PRINCIPAL CAST Sidney Poitier, Rod Steiger, Warren Oates, Lee Grant, Beah Richards

DIRECTOR Norman Jewison
PRODUCER Walter Mirisch
SCREENWRITER Stirling Silliphant

African-American police detective Virgil Tibbs has come home to rural Mississippi to see his mother. A white man is murdered and Virgil becomes the prime suspect until the racist police chief realizes he can make good use of Mr. Tibbs' considerable homicide-solving experience. Both men learn a thing or two about race relations as they zero in on the real suspect.

# 133 THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

Disney, 1963

PRINCIPAL CAST Émile Genest, John Drainie, Tommy Tweed, Sandra Scott

DIRECTOR Fletcher Markle
PRODUCER Walt Disney
SCREENWRITER James Algar

Three pets, bound together by the same owners, embark on an adventure across the Canadian wilderness to get home.

## 134 THE INN OF THE SIXTH HAPPINESS

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1958

PRINCIPAL CAST Ingrid Bergman, Curt Jurgens, Robert Donat, Michael David, Athene Seyler,

DIRECTOR Mark Robson
PRODUCER Buddy Adler
SCREENWRITER Isobel Lennart

Gladys Aylward has always wanted to travel to China as a missionary, even though she has no qualifications. Headstrong, she boards a train in London and makes her way halfway across the world, where she makes believers out of non-believers in more ways than one. She learns the language, implements schools and prison reform, falls in love, and most important, saves hundreds of children from certain death when the Japanese invade China.

## 135 **THE INSIDER**

Touchstone, 1999

PRINCIPAL CAST Al Pacino, Russell Crowe, Christopher Plummer, Diane Venora,

Philip Baker Hall, Lindsay Crouse

DIRECTOR Michael Mann

PRODUCERS Michael Mann, Pieter Jan Brugge

SCREENWRITERS Eric Roth, Michael Mann

Dr. Jeffrey Wigand blows the whistle on big tobacco. He breaks a confidentiality agreement by speaking to the CBS news show "60 Minutes." Fearful of a lawsuit, CBS shelves the story, compromises producer Lowell Bergman, and leaves Wigand hanging out to dry. Going to court will be the only way to prove tobacco company executives have perjured themselves.

## 136 IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

RKO, 1946

PRINCIPAL CAST James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, Thomas Mitchell,

Henry Travers, Beulah Bondi

DIRECTOR Frank Capra
PRODUCER Frank Capra

SCREENWRITERS Frances Goodrich, Albert Hackett, Frank Capra

Just as George Bailey is about to jump from a bridge, Clarence, an angel in need of his wings, jumps off instead, and George saves him. The angel shows George what would have happened to the people he loves if he had never been born, and George realizes he has lived a wonderful life.

## 137 THE JACKIE ROBINSON STORY

Eagle-Lion, 1950

PRINCIPAL CAST Jackie Robinson, Ruby Dee, Minor Watson, Louise Beavers

DIRECTOR Alfred E. Green PRODUCER Mort Briskin

SCREENWRITERS Arthur Mann, Lawrence Taylor

Baseball Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson plays himself in a movie that traces his career from the Negro leagues to the indignities – and eventual triumphs – of playing with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

## 138 **JERRY MAGUIRE**

TriStar, 1996

PRINCIPAL CAST Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Renée Zellweger, Jonathan Lipnicki,

Bonnie Hunt

DIRECTOR Cameron Crowe

PRODUCERS James L. Brooks, Cameron Crowe, Laurence Mark, Richard Sakai

SCREENWRITER Cameron Crowe

Sports agent Jerry Maguire knows how to score a deal, but he knows nothing about scoring in life. A poorly timed moment of truth nearly costs him his career. While he tries to get back on track, Jerry sacrifices the love of his life for a shot at the top, but he gets it back when he says three little words, "You complete me."

# 139 **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**

Universal, 1973

PRINCIPAL CAST Ted Neeley, Carl Anderson, Yvonne Elliman, Barry Dennen

DIRECTOR Norman Jewison

PRODUCERS Norman Jewison, Robert Stigwood SCREENWRITERS Norman Jewison, Melvyn Bragg

Jesus is coming to the end of his life, his disciples don't understand his motives, and Mary Magdalene doesn't know how to love him. His struggles and the means to overcome them are told through the songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice.

### 140 JIM THORPE - ALL-AMERICAN

Warner Bros., 1951

PRINCIPAL CAST Burt Lancaster, Charles Bickford, Steve Cochran, Phyllis Thaxter

DIRECTOR Michael Curtiz
PRODUCER Everett Freeman

SCREENWRITERS Everett Freeman, Douglas Morrow

Native-American Jim Thorpe enters the 1912 Olympics and wins two gold medals. When the Olympic Committee realizes he once accepted money to play minor league baseball, he is forced to return the medals. After the death of his young son, Thorpe turns to alcohol. Forgotten and alone, this great athlete is eventually named the greatest athlete of the first half of the 20th Century.

## 141 **JOAN OF ARC**

*RKO*, 1948

PRINCIPAL CAST Ingrid Bergman, Francis L. Sullivan, J. Carrol Naish, Ward Bond,

Cecil Kellaway, José Ferrer

DIRECTOR Victor Fleming PRODUCER Walter Wagner

SCREENWRITERS Maxwell Anderson, Andrew Solt

It's the 15th Century, and a young French girl hears voices that compel her to lead a fierce war against the English. With a growing army of believers, she is betrayed by Charles VII, tried as a heretic, and burned at the stake.

### 142 **JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL**

Paramount, 1973

PRINCIPAL CAST James Franciscus, Dorothy McGuire, Richard Crenna, Hal Holbrook,

Juliet Mills (voices)

DIRECTOR Hall Bartlett
PRODUCER Hall Bartlett
SCREENWRITER Hall Bartlett

A bird has to spread his wings and that's exactly what gets Jonathan into trouble. His flock wants him to conform, but he refuses, propelling him on a journey to discover the world.

#### 143 THE JOY LUCK CLUB

Hollywood Pictures, 1993

PRINCIPAL CAST Kieu Chinh, Tsai Chin, France Nuyen, Lisa Lu, Ming-Na, Tamlyn Tomita,

Lauren Tom, Rosalind Chao

DIRECTOR Wayne Wang

PRODUCERS Ronald Bass, Patrick Markey, Amy Tan

SCREENWRITERS Amy Tan, Ronald Bass

Four young Chinese-American women clash with their mothers, who were raised in very different circumstances in mainland China. Each of the families and generations have something to learn and to forgive – the mothers realize their daughters need their own independence, and the daughters learn to respect the sacrifices their mothers made to create a better life for all of them.

## 144 THE KARATE KID

Columbia, 1984

PRINCIPAL CAST Ralph Macchio, Pat Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Martin Kove

DIRECTOR John G. Avildsen
PRODUCER Jerry Weintraub
SCREENWRITER Robert Mark Kamen

Daniel's an outsider in every sense of the word, and he can't fight back. Mr. Miyagi, an elderly gardener, teaches him the fine art of karate – but he also teaches him to understand that karate is more about how you feel and what you are deep in your soul. Their relationship becomes a winning combination.

## 145 THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1944

PRINCIPAL CAST Gregory Peck, Thomas Mitchell, Vincent Price, Edmund Gwenn,

Sir Čedric Hardwicke, Roddy McDowall, Peggy Ann Garner

DIRECTOR John M. Stahl
PRODUCER Joseph L. Mankiewicz

SCREENWRITERS Joseph L. Mankiewicz, Nunnally Johnson

Father Francis Chisholm arrives in China as green as they come. Up against the worst of conditions and people who believe Christianity is little more than folly, the good priest perseveres, and over several decades he wins the hearts and minds of those who follow his teachings.

### 146 **THE KID**

First National, 1921

PRINCIPAL CAST Charles Chaplin, Jackie Coogan

DIRECTOR Charles Chaplin
PRODUCER Charles Chaplin
SCREENWRITER Charles Chaplin

The Little Tramp rescues an abandoned baby and raises him as his own. Five years later, the boy is cruelly removed to an orphanage. Once again the Little Tramp saves him, only to lose him again, this time to the boy's birth parents. But the fates are kind, and the Tramp is reunited with the kid.

## 147 THE KILLING FIELDS

Warner Bros., 1984

PRINCIPAL CAST Sam Waterston, Haing S. Ngor, John Malkovich, Julian Sands

DIRECTOR Roland Joffe
PRODUCER David Puttnam
SCREENWRITER Bruce Robinson

New York Times reporter Sydney Schanberg is covering the civil war in Cambodia with photographer Dith Pran. As the Khmer Rouge moves in, Pran saves Sydney's life, but he is captured and stuck in a country mad with murder. In a horrific journey to freedom, the young photographer survives to tell the story of the killing fields.

#### 148 THE KING OF KINGS

Pathé, 1927

PRINCIPAL CAST H. B. Warner, Dorothy Cumming, Joseph Schildkraut, Jacqueline Logan

DIRECTOR Cecil B. DeMille
PRODUCER Cecil B. DeMille
SCREENWRITER Jeanie Macpherson

The story of Jesus begins with the redemption of Mary Magdalene, and then illuminates Christ's adult life, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

## 149 KING OF KINGS

MGM, 1961

PRINCIPAL CAST Jeffrey Hunter, Siobhan McKenna, Hurd Hatfield, Viveca Lindfors,

Rip Torn, Robert Ryan

DIRECTOR Nicholas Ray
PRODUCER Samuel Bronston
SCREENWRITER Philip Yordan

As the Jews suffer under the iron hand of Rome and King Herod, there is talk of an approaching Messiah, and during the reign of Augustus, Jesus is born in Bethlehem. Many view him as their savior, but as he moves to adulthood, Jesus' messages become interpreted differently by various groups, each eager to use the teacher for their own purposes.

## 150 KNUTE ROCKNE ALL AMERICAN

Warner Bros., 1940

PRINCIPAL CAST Pat O'Brien, Gale Page, Ronald Reagan, Donald Crisp,

Albert Basserman

DIRECTOR Lloyd Bacon
PRODUCER Hal B. Wallis
SCREENWRITER Robert Buckner

Knute Rockne embodies the American dream, an immigrant who makes good. A student at Notre Dame, he ends up coaching the "Fighting Irish" and pushes his team to new heights. After the death of his star player, George Gipp, he inspires with his famous "win one for the Gipper" speech. After coaching from a wheelchair for several seasons, Knute is killed in a plane crash, but his impact on the game is still felt today.

## 151 LASSIE COME HOME

MGM, 1943

PRINCIPAL CAST Roddy McDowall, Donald Crisp, Dame May Whitty, Edmund Gwenn,

Nigel Bruce, Elsa Lanchester, Elizabeth Taylor

DIRECTOR Fred M. Wilcox
PRODUCER Samuel Marx
SCREENWRITER Hugo Butler

Joe Carraclough is broken-hearted when his poor father is forced to sell his beloved Lassie to a local duke. But the devoted collie refuses to be penned in, taking off on a quest over English hill and dale – until she finally reaches the loving arms of her real master.

## 152 THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST

Universal, 1988

PRINCIPAL CAST Willem Dafoe, Barbara Hershey, Harvey Keitel, Verna Bloom,

Harry Dean Stanton, David Bowie

DIRECTOR Martin Scorsese
PRODUCER Barbara De Fina
SCREENWRITER Paul Schrader

While being crucified, the often-tempted Jesus is faced with the greatest temptation of them all – the prospect of living an ordinary man's life.

# 153 LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Columbia, 1962

PRINCIPAL CAST Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness, Anthony Quinn, Jack Hawkins,

Omar Sharif, José Ferrer, Claude Rains, Arthur Kennedy

DIRECTOR David Lean

PRODUCERS Sam Spiegel, David Lean

SCREENWRITER Robert Bolt

T. E. Lawrence is a British military observer in North Africa during World War I. He becomes a powerful unifier of various rival Arab leaders, gathering them together as a single British ally. Lawrence constantly taunts fate, saying "nothing is written," and he emerges victorious from the desert.

### 154 A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

Columbia, 1992

PRINCIPAL CAST Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Lori Petty, Madonna, Rosie O'Donnell

DIRECTOR Penny Marshall

PRODUCER Robert Greenhut, Elliot Abbott Lowell Ganz, Babaloo Mandel

Told in flashback from an emotional reunion at the Baseball Hall of Fame, a group of women make history with the creation of the All American Girls Baseball League.

# 155 LEAN ON ME

Warner Bros., 1989

PRINCIPAL CAST Morgan Freeman, Beverly Todd, Robert Guillaume, Lynne Thigpen

DIRECTOR John G. Avildsen
PRODUCER Norman Twain
SCREENWRITER Michael Schiffer

Principal Joe Clark has his eye on the ball; he wants his kids to be the best, even at the worst school in Patterson, New Jersey. In this true story, Joe has a bullhorn in one hand and a baseball bat in the other. He returns to the institution that once fired him and alienates everyone but the kids who want to learn.

## 156 THE LIFE OF EMILE ZOLA

Warner Bros., 1937

PRINCIPAL CAST Paul Muni, Joesph Schildkraut, Gale Sondergaard, Gloria Holden,

Donald Crisp

DIRECTOR William Dieterle PRODUCER Hal B. Wallis

SCREENWRITERS Norman Reilly Raine, Heinz Herald, Geza Herczeg

Emile Zola, the celebrated French writer, is persuaded to fight for the release of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, falsely imprisoned on Devil's Island for passing secrets to the Germans. Some of Zola's writings land him in court for libel. Found guilty, he flees to England, where he continues to speak out on behalf of Dreyfus. Once the case is finally reopened, Zola returns to France, but he dies before Dreyfus is reinstated to his full rank.

# 157 LILIES OF THE FIELD

United Artists, 1963

PRINCIPAL CAST Sidney Poitier, Lilia Skala

DIRECTOR Ralph Nelson
PRODUCER Ralph Nelson
SCREENWRITER James Poe

Homer Smith is somewhere in the southwest when five German nuns convince him to build their "shapel." The locals don't share their dream, and Homer's a one-man contractor. But the materials run out and so does Homer. Guilt brings him back – and he gets the job done with some much-needed help. Amen!

## 158 THE LION KING

Disney, 1994

PRINCIPAL CAST Matthew Broderick, James Earl Jones, Jeremy Irons, Nathan Lane,

Whoopi Goldberg, Cheech Marin

DIRECTORS Roger Allers, Rob Minkoff

PRODUCER Don Hahn

SCREENWRITERS Irene Mecchi, Jonathan Roberts, Linda Woolverton

Young lion cub Simba believes he is the cause of his father's death. Shamed, he runs away to lick his wounds. Several years later, Simba learns that Scar, the uncle who usurped Simba's throne, had his paws all over his father's death. Simba comes home to claim what is rightfully his and continues the circle of life within his kingdom.

## 159 LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE

RKO, 1932

PRINCIPAL CAST Mitzi Green, Buster Phelps, May Robson, Edgar Kennedy

DIRECTOR John S. Robertson PRODUCER David O. Selznick

SCREENWRITERS Tom McNamara, Wanda Tuchock

Millionaire Daddy Warbucks goes bust in the Great Depression and is forced to abandon his adopted daughter, Annie. While he's out west working on another fortune, Annie finds an orphaned boy on the streets and helps him find a home.

## 160 THE LONGEST DAY

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1962

PRINCIPAL CAST John Wayne, Robert Mitchum, Henry Fonda, Red Buttons,

Richard Burton, Sean Connery, Curt Jergens, Peter Lawford, Edmond O'Brien, Robert Ryan, Peter van Eyck, Werner Hinz

DIRECTOR Andrew Marton, Ken Annakin, Bernhard Wicki

PRODUCER Darryl F. Zanuck SCREENWRITER Cornelius Ryan

June 6, 1944. D-Day. The combined Allied Forces hit the beaches at Normandy and change the course of the war. 50,000 troops, backed up by 5,000 transport and fighter vessels, land on European soil, surprising the German High Command who can't believe an invasion of this size could happen during inclement weather, and that they've been duped into believing the invasion would take place at Dover.

#### 161 **THE LONGEST YARD**

Paramount, 1974

PRINCIPAL CAST Burt Reynolds, Eddie Albert, Ed Lauter, Mike Henry, Bernadette Peters

DIRECTOR Robert Áldrich
PRODUCER Albert S. Ruddy
SCREENWRITER Tracy Keenan Wynn

When a professional football player is serving time, he organizes a team of inmates to play a game against the prison guards. If the prisoners lose, he'll be able to get out of prison early. But our pro is a team player, and he's devoted to his men.

#### 162 THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING

New Line, 2001

PRINCIPAL CAST Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Viggo Mortensen, Liv Tyler, Ian McKellen,

Christopher Lee, Cate Blanchett, John Rhys-Davies, Orlando Bloom,

Sean Bean, Billy Boyd, Dominic Monaghan, Andy Serkis

**DIRECTOR** Peter Jackson

Peter Jackson, Barrie M. Osborne, Tim Sanders, Fran Walsh **PRODUCERS** 

**SCREENWRITERS** Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens, Peter Jackson

Frodo, a young Hobbit from the Shire, inherits what is revealed as the One Ring, a dangerous and powerful talisman. With the assistance of wizard friend Gandalf, he and a group of valiant villagers set out on a quest to destroy the ring in the fires which created it, which will also signal the end of the Dark Lord's reign over Middle Earth. But the journey will require the assistance of several others – an odd mix of fairies, elves, and dwarfs. This is a long journey, and the ring continues to infuse its strange powers on all who come in contact with it.

#### 163 **LORENZO'S OIL**

Universal, 1992

PRINCIPAL CAST Nick Nolte, Susan Sarandon, Peter Ustinov, Kathleen Wilhoite

DIRECTOR George Miller

**PRODUCERS** George Miller, Doug Mitchell **SCREENWRITERS** George Miller, Nick Enright

A rare and debilitating brain disorder strikes 7-year-old Lorenzo Odone. His parents buck the medical establishment and search for a treatment on their own, one that can stop the deadly disease from destroying their son's life any further.

#### THE LOST WEEKEND 164

Paramount, 1945

Ray Milland, Jane Wyman, Phillip Terry, Howard Da Silva Billy Wilder PRINCIPAL CAST

**DIRECTOR** Charles Brackett **PRODUCER** 

SCREENWRITERS Charles Brackett, Billy Wilder

Booze and more booze get the best of writer Don Birnem. His brother and girlfriend try to help him beat the need, but after days of sobriety he gives in to his disease, almost killing himself after a harrowing and delirious ordeal. A miracle appears, in the form of a hocked typewriter, and Birnem at last finds the courage to write about his nightmare.

## 165 **LOVE STORY**

Paramount, 1970

PRINCIPAL CAST Ali MacGraw, Ryan O'Neal, John Marley, Ray Milland

DIRECTOR Arthur Hiller
PRODUCER Howard G. Minsky

SCREENWRITER Erich Segal

How could a liberal Radcliffe girl, who loves Mozart, Bach, and The Beatles, fall for a blue-blood Harvard jock like Oliver Barrett IV? From their different worlds they find a common spirit as Jennifer teaches Oliver, "Love means never having to say you're sorry."

## 166 MADAME CURIE

MGM, 1943

PRINCIPAL CAST Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon, Henry Travers, Albert Basserman,

Robert Walker

DIRECTOR Mervyn LeRoy
PRODUCER Sidney Franklin

SCREENWRITERS Paul Ósborn, Paul H. Rameau

When it isn't fashionable for a woman, young Marie Curie devotes her life to science and, along with her husband Pierre, discovers radium. At the moment of this amazing triumph, Pierre is killed in a traffic accident. Overcome with grief, Marie stops working until she realizes Pierre would have wanted her to continue.

# 167 THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

United Artists, 1960

PRINCIPAL CAST Yul Brynner, Eli Wallach, Steve McQueen, Charles Bronson,

Robert Vaughn, Brad Dexter, James Coburn, Horst Buccholz

DIRECTOR John Sturges
PRODUCER John Sturges
SCREENWRITER William Roberts

Seven gunslingers with nothing in their futures are hired to defend a small Mexican farming village from a band of outlaws who steal food and crops. The Seven fight like 700 and see life from a new perspective – but for some, it's just too late.

## 168 MALCOLM X

Warner Bros., 1992

PRINCIPAL CAST Denzel Washington, Angela Bassett, Albert Hall, Al Freeman, Jr.,

Delroy Lindo, Spike Lee

DIRECTOR Spike Lee

PRODUCERS Spike Lee, Marvin Worth SCREENWRITERS Arnold Perl, Spike Lee

Malcolm Little is sitting in jail and going nowhere fast. An epiphany plunges him into the Nation of Islam, where he studies the works of Elijah Muhammad, but a pilgrimage to Mecca points him in yet another direction, and he becomes a Sunni Muslim. Back in New York with a growing following, he finds himself at odds with Elijah Muhammad. Giving a speech up in Harlem, he is assassinated and dies a martyr.

## 169 A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Columbia, 1966

PRINCIPAL CAST Paul Scofield, Wendy Hiller, Leo McKern, Robert Shaw, Orson Welles,

Susannah York

DIRECTOR Fred Zinnemann
PRODUCER Fred Zinnemann
SCREENWRITER Robert Bolt

Sir Thomas More had the courage to stand up to King Henry VIII when it wasn't fashionable to say what you believed. A noble man, his life, and his principles were one and the same – but his temerity cost him his life.

# 170 THE MARK OF ZORRO

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1940

PRINCIPAL CAST Tyrone Power
DIRECTOR Rouben Mamoulian

PRODUCERS Darryl F. Zanuck, Raymond Griffith

SCREENWRITERS John Taintor Foote, Garrett Fort, Bess Meredyth

Don Diego returns to his California home, only to find Los Angeles under the control of a greedy and tyrannical Don Luis Quintero. A master swordsman, Diego leads a double life. Most people think of him as an insincere fop, but little do they know he is fighting the oppression as the masked hero everyone calls Zorro.

### 171 **MARTY**

United Artists, 1955

PRINCIPAL CAST Ernest Borgnine, Betsy Blair

DIRECTOR Delbert Mann
PRODUCER Harold Hecht
SCREENWRITER Paddy Chayefsky

Marty is a lonely butcher approaching middle age believing, "Whatever women like, I ain't got it." He meets a lonely schoolteacher and nearly loses the best thing that ever happened to him when he listens to his friends and his over-protective mother.

## 172 MARY POPPINS

Disney, 1964

PRINCIPAL CAST Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke, David Tomlinson, Glynis Johns,

Hermione Baddeley, Karen Dotrice, Matthew Garber

DIRECTOR Robert Stevenson PRODUCER Walt Disney

SCREENWRITERS Bill Walsh, Don DaGradi

Jane and Michael Banks wish for the perfect nanny. Enter Mary Poppins, who lands on their doorstep with a spoonful of sugar and teaches them how to feed the birds, have a jolly holiday, and most importantly of all, to fly a kite.

## 173 **MASK**

Universal, 1985

PRINCIPAL CAST Cher, Sam Elliott, Eric Stoltz

DIRECTOR Peter Bogdanovich PRODUCER Martin Starger

SCREENWRITER Anna Hamilton Phelan

Rocky Dennis is born with a severe facial deformity, but he's got a biker mother who fights for him like a tiger. She wants him to live as normal a life as possible, but Rocky is wise beyond his years and understands most people are hampered by their own limitations of compassion.

### 174 **MEET JOHN DOE**

Warner Bros., 1941

PRINCIPAL CAST Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck, Edward Arnold, Walter Brennan

DIRECTOR Frank Capra
PRODUCER Frank Capra
SCREENWRITER Robert Riskin

An out-of-work baseball player agrees to be a protestor-for-profit, pretending he'll commit suicide publicly if his political agenda is not met. But the "John Doe" philosophy turns into a huge grass roots movement. When the truth about his identity is leaked, the people turn on him, and our hero contemplates suicide as a way out. Ultimately, his faith in the human spirit is restored.

## 175 **THE MEN**

United Artists, 1950

PRINCIPAL CAST Marlon Brando, Teresa Wright, Jack Webb, Everett Sloane

DIRECTOR Fred Zinnemann
PRODUCER Stanley Kramer
SCREENWRITER Carl Foreman

A soldier returns from World War II paralyzed from the waist down. Bitter and depressed, the young man refuses to cooperate with anyone, especially his fiancée. It takes the death of another soldier and a bad car accident, but the soldier finally comes to terms with his paralysis and his life with the woman he loves.

## 176 **MIDWAY**

Universal, 1976

PRINCIPAL CAST Charlton Heston, Edward Albert, Henry Fonda, James Coburn,

Glenn Ford, Robert Mitchum, Toshiro Mifune

DIRECTOR Jack Smight
PRODUCER Walter Mirisch
SCREENWRITER Donald S. Sanford

The mighty Imperial Japanese Navy has the entire US Naval forces on the run in 1942. But American naval intelligence is about to crack the enemy's codes, and the tide turns at the Battle of Midway, as the Allies lead their attack from three aircraft carriers and a barrage of escort ships.

## 177 THE MIGHTY DUCKS

Disney, 1992

PRINCIPAL CAST Emilio Estevez, Joss Ackland, Lane Smith, Joshua Jackson

DIRECTOR Stephen Herek

PRODUCER Jon Avnet, Jordan Kerner

SCREENWRITER Steven Brill

Gordon Bombay is haunted by the loss of an important hockey game when he was a boy. As an adult, the court orders this ego-driven lawyer to coach the worst peewee hockey team in the league. He finally gets a chance to redeem himself, face his old demons and lead the team to victory.

# 178 MILLION DOLLAR MERMAID

MGM, 1952

PRINCIPAL CAST Esther Williams, Victor Mature, Walter Pidgeon, David Brian

DIRECTOR Mervyn LeRoy
PRODUCER Arthur Hornblow, Jr.
SCREENWRITER Everett Freeman

Australian Annette Kellerman overcomes childhood polio to become a champion swimmer in the late 19th Century, breaking barriers for women swimmers. She scandalizes the world with her one-piece suit and almost dies making a Hollywood movie. Unable to walk, she must rely on the courage that got her through polio and start all over again.

## 179 MIRACLE

Disney, 2004

PRINCIPAL CAST Kurt Russell, Patricia Clarkson, Noah Emmerich

DIRECTOR Gavin O'Connor

PRODUCERS Mark Ciardi, Gordon Gray

SCREENWRITER Eric Guggenheim

Team USA and hockey coach Herb Brooks are a million-to-one shot when they face off against their Russian opponents at the 1980 Olympic Games. They overcome all the odds to perform a miracle on ice.

#### 180 **MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET**

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1947

PRINCIPAL CAST Maureen O'Hara, Edmund Gwenn, John Payne, Natalie Wood

DIRECTOR George Seaton **PRODUCER** 

William Perlberg George Seaton, Valentine Davies **SCREENWRITERS** 

A man who believes he is Santa Claus is taken to court to determine if he should be institutionalized. But there's something special about this man who truly believes in the spirit of Christmas, and he warms the heart of at least one cynical little girl.

#### THE MIRACLE WORKER 181

United Artists, 1962

PRINCIPAL CAST Anne Bancroft, Patty Duke, Victor Jory

DIRECTOR Arthur Penn Fred Coe **PRODUCER SCREENWRITER** William Gibson

Deaf and blind from birth, 7-year-old Helen Keller gets a lesson in life and language from Annie Sullivan, the teacher who opens up a whole new world for her with one simple word - "water."

#### 182 THE MISSION

Warner Bros., 1986

PRINCIPAL CAST Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons, Aidan Quinn, Ray McAnally,

Liam Neeson

Roland Joffé DIRECTOR

**PRODUCERS** Fernando Ghia, David Puttnam

**SCREENWRITER** Robert Bolt

Father Gabriel, a Jesuit priest, helps convert slave trader Mendoza to Christianity during the 18th Century. Mendoza eventually becomes a priest himself, and together

#### **MISSISSIPPI BURNING** 183

Orion, 1988

PRINCIPAL CAST Gene Hackman, Willem Dafoe, Frances McDormand

DIRECTOR Alan Parker

Robert F. Colesberry, Frederick Zollo **PRODUCERS** 

**SCREENWRITER** Chris Gerolmo

In a world that is never black and white, the deaths of three African American civil rights workers set the stage for a couple of FBI agents whose wholly different approaches to solving the case bring them together.

## 184 MOULIN ROUGE!

Twentieth Century-Fox, 2001

PRINCIPAL CAST Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor, John Leguizamo, Jim Broadbent

DIRECTOR Baz Luhrmanr

PRODUCERS Fred Baron, Martin Brown, Baz Luhrmann

SCREENWRITERS Baz Luhrmann, Craig Pearce

Satine is a consumptive nightclub star and courtesan who falls in love with a penniless writer. But she has been promised to a wealthy financier, someone who promises to make both the show at the Moulin Rouge and its writer the toast of the town. When the curtain falls, they stand their ground for Truth, Beauty, Freedom and most importantly, Love.

## 185 MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN

Columbia, 1936

PRINCIPAL CAST Gary Cooper, Jean Arthur

DIRECTOR Frank Capra
PRODUCER Frank Capra
SCREENWRITER Robert Riskin

Longfellow Deeds inherits one million dollars in the middle of the Depression and leaves Mandrake Falls for the Big Apple. Opportunists and smarmy lawyers take him to court when he gives away his fortune. Mr. Deeds winds up outwitting them all – proving he's not "pixilated" after all!

### 186 MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS

Hollywood Pictures, 1995

PRINCIPAL CAST Richard Dreyfuss, Glenne Headly, Jay Thomas, Olympia Dukakis,

William H. Macy, Alicia Witt

DIRECTOR Stephen Herek

PRODUCERS Robert W. Cort, Ted Field, Michael Nolin

SCREENWRITER Patrick Sheane Duncan

Glenn Holland is a composer with lofty ambitions, but he's got to pay the rent. What starts out as a short stint at teaching music ends up many years later becoming the job he was born to do – inspire students. Holland will also come to terms with his deaf son, who eventually hears the music in his father's heart.

## 187 MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON

Columbia, 1939

PRINCIPAL CAST James Stewart, Jean Arthur, Claude Rains, Edward Arnold, Guy Kibbee,

Thomas Mitchell
DIRECTOR Frank Capra
PRODUCER Frank Capra
SCREENWRITERS Sidney Buchman

Jefferson Smith is appointed to the US Senate, where he dreams of building a national boys' camp. His hopes fall apart, though, when corrupt officials at every level thwart his intentions. Collapsing in the Senate chamber after almost 24 hours of a solo filibuster, Smith thinks he's lost. But his one-time hero, horrified at his own duplicity, winds up coming to his aid, and Jeff uproots the corruption strangling his state.

## 188 MRS. MINIVER

MGM, 1942

PRINCIPAL CAST Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon, Teresa Wright, Dame May Whitty,

Reginald Owen

DIRECTOR William Wyler PRODUCER Sidney Franklin

SCREENWRITERS Arthur Wimperis, Goerge Froeschel, James Hilton, Claudine West

Kay Miniver and her family are jolted out of their pleasant middle-class life, as the first German bombs strike the British Isles during World War II. Her family's resilience and determination – and that of the town around her – are necessary in order to achieve victory at all costs.

# 189 MUSIC OF THE HEART

Miramax, 1999

**DIRECTOR** 

PRINCIPAL CAST Meryl Streep, Angela Bassett, Aidan Quinn, Cloris Leachman,

Gloria Estefan Wes Craven

PRODUCERS Walter Scheuer, Allan Miller, Susan Kaplan, Marianne Maddalena

SCREENWRITER Pamela Gray

Roberta Guaspari's passion is music, and it is contagious. Setting herself on an impossible mission, she must convince the NYC Board of Education that the kids in East Harlem need to play the violin. Her tenacity ends up taking her and her students all the way to Carnegie Hall.

## 190 MY FAIR LADY

DIRECTOR

Warner Bros., 1964

PRINCIPAL CAST Audrey Hepburn, Rex Harrison, Stanley Holloway, Wilfrid Hyde-White,

Gladys Cooper George Cukor Jack L. Warner

PRODUCER Jack Ľ. Warner SCREENWRITERS Alan Jay Lerner, Frederick Loewe

Henry Higgins wagers he can make a lady out of a poor flower girl. When he has won the wager, he thinks he no longer needs the woman in his life. But he doesn't realize that he's grown accustomed to her face.

## 191 MY FAMILY, MI FAMILIA

New Line, 1995

PRINCIPAL CAST Jimmy Smits, Edward James Olmos, Esai Morales

DIRECTOR Gregory Nava PRODUCER Anna Thomas

SCREENWRITERS Gregory Nava, Anna Thomas

In a multi-decade, multi-generational tale, a Hispanic couple move to Los Angeles in the 1930s. Their children and grandchildren each have a different approach in pursuit of the American dream, and there are many triumphs amid the tragedies.

## 192 **MYSTERY, ALASKA**

Hollywood, 1999

PRINCIPAL CAST Russell Crowe, Hank Azaria, Mary McCormack, Burt Reynolds,

Lolita Davidovich

DIRECTOR Jay Roach

PRODUCERS Howard Baldwin, David E. Kelley SCREENWRITERS David E. Kelley, Sean O'Byrne

How in the world Mystery, Alaska's amateur hockey team will take on the challenge of beating the New York Rangers is a mystery unto itself. But if the team members can put aside their own differences, they might have a shot at glory.

## 193 **NATIONAL VELVET**

MGM, 1944

DIRECTOR PRODUCER

PRINCIPAL CAST Mickey Rooney, Donald Crisp, Elizabeth Taylor, Anne Revere,

Angela Lansbúry Clarence Brown Pandro S. Berman

SCREENWRITERS Helen Deutsch, Theodore Reeves

Velvet Brown and her beloved horse "Pie" enter the Grand Nationals, where she must cut her hair and rides the race as a boy. Horse after horse drops out and Velvet wins. Collapsing from exhaustion, Velvet's true gender is discovered, and she is disqualified. Still, she's heralded as a hero all over England, and offers pour in from as far away as Hollywood for Velvet's talents, but she has had her time in the limelight...her life is at home with her family and Pie.

## 194 THE NATURAL

TriStar, 1984

PRINCIPAL CAST Robert Redford, Robert Duvall, Glenn Close, Kim Basinger,

Wilford Brimley, Barbara Hershey

DIRECTOR Barry Levinson
PRODUCER Mark Johnson

SCREENWRITERS Roger Towne, Phil Dusenberry

Middle-aged Roy Hobbs gets a second shot at bat and takes a losing team on the road to glory. Who he is and where he comes from no one knows, but Roy's lucky bat is the ticket to the success he was robbed of as a young man.

# 195 **9 TO 5**

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1980

PRINCIPAL CAST Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton

DIRECTOR Colin Higgins PRODUCER Bruce Gilbert

SCREENWRITERS Colin Higgins, Patricia Resnick

Three women are trapped in "get me coffee" positions by a department head, but they get the last laugh. The employees kidnap their chauvinist boss and hold him in his own home as they take over the department. Suddenly, productivity is way up, and employees are happier than ever.

## 196 NORMA RAE

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1979

PRINCIPAL CAST Sally Field, Beau Bridges, Ron Leibman, Barbara Baxley, Pat Hingle

DIRECTOR Martin Rit

PRODUCERS Tamara Asseyev, Alexandra Rose SCREENWRITERS Harriet Frank, Jr., Irving Ravetch

In a town whose main commerce comes from a huge textile mill, Norma Rae is tired of working long hours, while she and her co-workers receive no benefits, bad hours, and many layoffs. This single mother wants to organize, she wants a union, and she's going to get it, regardless of how she is perceived by her friends and family.

## 197 NORTH DALLAS FORTY

Paramount, 1979

PRINCIPAL CAST Nick Nolte, Mac Davis, Charles Durning, Bo Svenson

DIRECTOR Ted Kotcheff
PRODUCER Frank Yablans
SCREENWRITER Peter Gent

Aches and pains are killing football star Phil Elliot. He can barely move, but he's willing to do anything to prove he still has the guts to go for the glory.

## 198 THE NUN'S STORY

Warner Bros., 1959

PRINCIPAL CAST Audrey Hepburn, Peter Finch, Edith Evans, Peggy Ashcroft, Dean Jagger,

Mildred Dunnock, Beatrice Straight

DIRECTOR Fred Zinnemann
PRODUCER Henry Blanke
SCREENWRITER Robert Anderson

Gabrielle van der Mal, a young postulant in Brussels, loves the church, but she loves the effects of medicine on the masses more. Conflicted over obedience and her dream of returning to the Congo as a nurse, she finds she must sacrifice one love for another.

### 199 **OCTOBER SKY**

Universal, 1999

PRINCIPAL CAST Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper, Laura Dern

DIRECTOR Joe Johnston

PRODUCERS Larry J. Franco, Charles Gordon

SCREENWRITER Lewis Colick

Homer Hickham is the son of a coal miner and his future, like all the other boys in Coalwood, is down in the mines. On an October night in 1957, the first artificial satellite Sputnik takes off and so does Homer. Inspired by the excitement and promise of a future in space, he starts to build rockets. Everyone thinks he's wasting his time, especially his father. But his teacher, Miss Riley, encourages him to follow his dream and enter the national science fair.

## 200 AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN

Paramount, 1982

PRINCIPAL CAST Richard Gere, Debra Winger, David Keith, Robert Loggia,

Louis Gossett, Jr., Lisa Eilbacher, David Caruso

DIRECTOR Taylor Hackford
PRODUCER Martin Elfand
SCREENWRITER Douglas Day Stewart

Zack is terrified that he'll end up a boozer like his old man, so he signs up for Navy flight school. His demanding drill sergeant and a local girl almost tear him apart. Before it's too late, he realizes that both of them are the best things that ever happened to him, boosting him up where he belongs.

## 201 **OLIVER!**

Columbia, 1968

PRINCIPAL CAST Mark Lester, Ron Moody, Shani Wallis, Oliver Reed, Jack Wild

DIRECTOR Carol Reed
PRODUCER John Woolf
SCREENWRITER Vernon Harris

English orphan Oliver Twist becomes the victim of misadventure on the streets of London when he falls in with Fagin, a criminal who uses street urchins to do his dirty work. When Oliver winds up in the home of his wealthy grandfather, he realizes that he must free himself from Fagin and the old gang.

## 202 ON GOLDEN POND

Universal, 1981

PRINCIPAL CAST Katharine Hepburn, Henry Fonda, Jane Fonda, Doug McKeon,

Dabney Coleman
DIRECTOR Mark Rydell
PRODUCER Bruce Gilbert
SCREENWRITER Ernest Thompson

Norman Thayer and daughter Chelsea just don't seem to like each other. Aging and frightened, he can't seem to communicate with anyone except his understanding wife Ethel, the bridge between father and daughter. But at their old summer home, Norman gets a chance at fatherhood once again, caring for the son of Chelsea's new fiancé.

## 203 ON THE WATERFRONT

Columbia, 1954

PRINCIPAL CAST Marlon Brando, Karl Malden, Lee J. Cobb, Rod Steiger,

DIRECTOR Elia Kazan
PRODUCER Sam Spiegel
SCREENWRITER Budd Schulberg

Terry Malloy could have been a contender. Instead he has become an errand boy for Johnny Friendly, a union boss. When he becomes an eyewitness to a murder committed by Friendly's henchmen, dockworker Terry stands up to the corruption, nearly dying in the process.

# 204 ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

United Artists, 1975

PRINCIPAL CAST Jack Nicholson, Louise Fletcher, Danny DeVito, Will Sampson,

Brad Dourif

DIRECTOR Milos Forman

PRODUCERS Saul Zaentz, Michael Douglas SCREENWRITERS Bo Goldman, Lawrence Hauben

Convict Randle McMurphy pretends he has psychological problems to get an easier sentence in a psych ward. But McMurphy is in for a shock when he finds that the government institution's rules and staff, especially Nurse Ratched, are crazier than the patients. McMurphy decides to unite the troops, inspiring them to dream of a life outside the ward.

## 205 OUR VINES HAVE TENDER GRAPES

MGM, 1945

PRINCIPAL CAST Edward G. Robinson, Margaret O'Brien, Jackie Jenkins,

Agnes Moorehead

DIRECTOR Roy Rowland
PRODUCER Robert Sisk
SCREENWRITER Dalton Trumbo

A little girl with a tender heart and an old soul works her magic on a small town of Norwegian immigrants in Wisconsin during the waning days of World War II. The film portrays American country life at its simplest and most endearing.

## 206 THE PAPER CHASE

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1973

PRINCIPAL CAST Timothy Bottoms, John Houseman, Lindsay Wagner

DIRECTOR James Bridges

PRODUCERS Roderick Paul, Robert C. Thompson

SCREENWRITER James Bridges

A battle of wills between first-year law student Hart and legendary Harvard Law professor Kingsfield teaches the young man more about life than law.

#### 207 THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Newmarket, 2004

PRINCIPAL CAST James Caviezel, Maia Morgenstern, Monica Bellucci

DIRECTOR

Bruce Davey, Mel Gibson, Stephen McEveety **PRODUCERS** 

**SCREENWRITERS** Benedict Fitzgerald, Mel Gibson

Jesus' last twelve hours are recounted, beginning just after the Last Supper. Jesus is betrayed by disciple Judas and turned over to various political leaders within Jerusalem. After being accused of blasphemy, Jesus is punished mercilessly and is then forced to carry his cross to his own crucifixion.

#### 208 **PATTON**

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1970

PRINCIPAL CAST George C. Scott, Karl Malden, Stephen Young, Paul Stevens,

Michael Strong Franklin J. Schaffner

**DIRECTOR** Frank McCarthy **PRODUCER** 

SCREENWRITERS Francis Ford Coppola, Edmund H. North

A complex warrior poet, General George S. Patton understands his men, but he knows the enemy better. Unafraid to say what he believes or wants, "Old Blood and Guts" is a man of his convictions, which can be very dangerous – and inspiring.

#### 209 **PHILADELPHIA**

TriStar, 1993

PRINCIPAL CAST Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington, Jason Robards, Antonio Banderas,

Joanne Woodward, Mary Steenburgen

**DIRECTOR** Jonathan Demme

**PRODUCERS** Jonathan Demme, Edward Saxon

**SCREENWRITER** Roy Nyswaner

Andrew Beckett becomes a partner at his Philadelphia law firm. But when the firm learns that he has AIDS he is fired. Andrew wants to sue for wrongful termination, but no one will step forward as his attorney – except for a homophobic ambulance chaser. Andrew gets his day in court, and struggles to send a message of hope and equality to his attorney, to the City of Brotherly Love, and beyond.

#### 210 **PINOCCHIO**

Disney, 1940

Dickie Jones, Cliff Edwards, Christian Rub, Evelyn Venable, PRINCIPAL CAST

Mel Blanc (voices)

DIRECTOR Ben Sharpsteen, Hamilton Luske

**PRODUCER** Walt Disney

**SCREENWRITERS** Ted Sears, Webb Smith, Joseph Sabo, Otto Englander, William Cottrell,

Erdman Penner, Aurelius Battaglia

Pinocchio is a marionette that yearns to be a real boy. With Jiminy Cricket as his conscience and his guide, he learns that honesty is the best policy and that all things are possible when you wish upon a star.

## 211 PLACES IN THE HEART

TriStar, 1984

PRINCIPAL CAST Sally Field, Lindsay Crouse, Ed Harris, Amy Madigan, John Malkovich,

Danny Glover
DIRECTOR Robert Benton
PRODUCER Arlene Donovan
SCREENWRITER Robert Benton

The murder of Sheriff Spaulding leaves his wife Edna with two small children and a farm she doesn't know how to run in the middle of the Depression. Flat broke, Edna takes in a blind boarder and gets help from an itinerant black man. Together they save the farm from foreclosure.

### 212 **POCKETFUL OF MIRACLES**

United Artists, 1961

PRINCIPAL CAST Glenn Ford, Bette Davis, Hope Lange, Peter Falk, Arthur O'Connell,

Sheldon Leonard, Ann-Margret

DIRECTOR Frank Capra
PRODUCER Frank Capra

SCREENWRITERS Hal Kanter, Harry Tugend

Broadway panhandler Apple Annie needs a miracle. So does Dave the Dude, the gambler who believes Annie's baskets of apples bring him luck. Annie has been supporting her daughter in a Spanish orphanage, but now she's coming home, engaged to royalty and assuming Annie is a high society dame herself. If Dave can make Annie look like a lady for a day, Lady Luck will surely shine on him.

## 213 **POLLYANNA**

United Artists, 1920

PRINCIPAL CAST Mary Pickford, Wharton James, Katherine Griffith

DIRECTOR Paul Powell

PRODUCER Mary Pickford, Paul Powell

SCREENWRITER Frances Marion

Pollyanna arrives on her aunt's doorstep just in time – she transforms her bitter aunt and the soulless town into a loving, charitable community with a little something she learned from her missionary father, "the gladness game."

## 214 **POLLYANNA**

Disney, 1960

PRINCIPAL CAST Hayley Mills, Jane Wyman, Richard Egan, Karl Malden, Nancy Olson,

Agnes Moorehead

DIRECTOR David Swift
PRODUCER Walt Disney
SCREENWRITER David Swift

The young girl whose motto has always been "just be glad" is forced to live with her cranky Aunt Polly after the death of her father. While trying to save a child, Pollyanna is hit by a car, and she loses the use of her legs. Her motto takes on a greater meaning as she continues to inspire those around her.

## 215 **PRIDE OF THE MARINES**

Warner Bros., 1945

PRINCIPAL CAST John Garfield, Eleanor Parker, Dane Clark, Ann Doran, John Ridgely

DIRECTOR Delmer Daves
PRODUCER Jerry Wald
SCREENWRITER Albert Maltz

Marine, Al Schmidt, kills over 200 of the enemy at Guadalcanal. A grenade blinds him and he finds it impossible to accept his fate. Like so many Gls, Al must learn to live a new kind of life. An encounter with an old friend who has battled his own demons, and the compassion of a woman who refuses to give up on the man she loves, test the spirit of a man everyone recognizes as a true hero in battle.

## 216 THE PRIDE OF THE YANKEES

RKO, 1942

PRINCIPAL CAST Gary Cooper, Teresa Wright, Walter Brennan, Babe Ruth, Dan Duryea

DIRECTOR Sam Wood
PRODUCER Samuel Goldwyn

SCREENWRITERS Jo Swerling, Herman J. Mankiewicz

The Iron Man of Baseball has never missed a game. But at the age of 37, Lou Gehrig is diagnosed with ALS and is forced to retire. His humble farewell speech in front of thousands of fans is inspired with the words, "People all say that I've had a bad break. But today – today, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth."

## 217 **PT 109**

Warner Bros., 1963

PRINCIPAL CAST Cliff Robertson, Ty Hardin, James Gregory

DIRECTOR Leslie H. Martinson

PRODUCER Bryan Foy SCREENWRITER Richard L. Breen

Navy Lieutenant John Fitzgerald Kennedy's valiant heroism during World War II is showcased in this biographical film. Kennedy captains a PT boat in the South Pacific; the boat is sunk by the enemy, and Kennedy leads the survivors to an island, where they wait and hope for rescue.

## 218 QUEEN CHRISTINA

MGM, 1933

PRINCIPAL CAST Greta Garbo, John Gilbert, Ian Keith, Lewis Stone

DIRECTOR Rouben Mamoulian PRODUCER Walter Wanger

SCREENWRITERS H. M. Harwood, S. N. Behrman

Raised to be a Swedish queen, independent-minded Christina rejects the conventions of royalty and the life her people expect her to lead. She dresses as a man, refuses to marry someone she doesn't love, and defies her advisors by falling for a Spaniard. In the end, Christina gives up her throne for the man she loves, but loses him to duel. Heart-broken, the liberated queen sets off on a journey to see the world.

# 219 QUO VADIS

MGM, 1951

PRINCIPAL CAST Robert Taylor, Deborah Kerr, Leo Genn, Peter Ustinov

DIRECTOR Mervyn LéRoy PRODUCER Sam Zimbalist

SCREENWRITERS S. N. Behrman, Sonya Levien, John Lee Mahin

Commanding officer Marcus Vinicius returns to Rome after three years abroad waging battle for Emperor Nero, the tyrant of all tyrants. Vinicius falls in love with Lygia, a Christian convert, who abhors his violent life. Nero burns Rome, which gives him an excuse to throw more Christians to the lions, including Lygia and her noble parents. Vinicius, though not a convert, must save his love from certain death.

## 220 RAIN MAN

United Artists, 1988

PRINCIPAL CAST Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise, Valeria Golino

DIRECTOR Barry Levinson PRODUCER Mark Johnson

SCREENWRITERS Ronald Bass, Barry Morrow

When Charlie's father dies, he leaves his fortune to Raymond, the brother Charlie has never known about. But Raymond is autistic and doesn't understand the value of money. Conniver Charlie decides he'll take advantage of Raymond's unusual mathematical gifts, but on a cross-country road trip, Charlie comes to realize brotherhood is the best inheritance.

## 221 A RAISIN IN THE SUN

Columbia, 1961

PRINCIPAL CAST Sidney Poitier, Claudia McNeil, Ruby Dee, Diana Sands

DIRECTOR Daniel Petrie

PRODUCERS Philip Rose, David Susskind

SCREENWRITER Lorraine Hansberry

The Youngers, an African-American family living in a cramped city tenement, receive a large insurance check, and a small portion goes for the down payment on a house in an all-white suburb. It is clear they are not wanted, and a homeowners association offers to buy their house for more money. Walter Lee, the Youngers' hardworking son, wants to take the money and return to their former way of life. But Lena finally makes him see that they have already begun the path to a much brighter future.

#### 222 RAMBO: FIRST BLOOD PART II

TriStar, 1985

PRINCIPAL CAST Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna, Charles Napier, Steven Berkoff,

Julia Nickson-Soul

DIRECTOR George P. Cosmatos PRODUCER Buzz Feitshans

SCREENWRITERS Sylvester Stallone, James Cameron

Green Beret John Rambo gets sprung from prison to take photos of missing POWs in Vietnam. Aided by Co Bao, a beautiful freedom fighter, they plan to rescue the lost men. Co Bao is killed, and Rambo is soon out for blood and the missing POWs.

## 223 **RAY**

Universal, 2004

PRINCIPAL CAST Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington, Regina King, Clifton Powell,

Bokeem Woodbine

DIRECTOR Taylor Hackford

PRODUCERS Howard Baldwin, Karen Elise Baldwin, Stuart Benjamin,

Taylor Hackford

SCREENWRITER James L. White

Ray Charles overcomes poverty, blindness, drug addiction, and racism to become one of the pioneers of rock 'n' roll and a musical legend.

## 224 THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE

MGM, 1951

PRINCIPAL CAST Audie Murphy, Bill Mauldin, Douglas Dick, Royal Dano, Andy Devine

DIRECTOR John Huston
PRODUCER Gottfried Reinhardt
SCREENWRITER John Huston

A young Civil War soldier is full of self-doubts, terrified of the battles ahead. Upon his first conflict, he runs away from his unit. Later, after seeing so many dead and wounded, he returns to battle, this time finding the courage to face whatever comes his way.

#### 225 **REDS**

Paramount, 1981

PRINCIPAL CAST Warren Beatty, Diane Keaton, Jack Nicholson, Maureen Stapleton,

Paul Sorvino ' Warren Beatty

DIRECTOR Warren Beatty
PRODUCER Warren Beatty

SCREENWRITERS Warren Beatty, Trevor Griffiths

John Reed wants to change the world. He believes the Communists have the right idea. So he joins the struggle and heads for Russia on foot with wife Louise Bryant – on the eve of the Russian Revolution.

## 226 **REGARDING HENRY**

Paramount, 1991

PRINCIPAL CAST Harrison Ford, Annette Bening

DIRECTOR Mike Nichols

PRODUCERS Mike Nichols, Scott Rudin

SCREENWRITER J. J. Abrams

A successful New York lawyer survives a shooting, only to find his memory disappear. His rehabilitation is only the first step in a long journey that forces him to re-examine his marriage, his work, and his priorities.

#### 227 **REMEMBER THE TITANS**

Disney, 2000

PRINCIPAL CAST Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Wood Harris

DIRECTOR

**PRODUCERS** Jerry Bruckheimer, Chad Oman

**SCREENWRITER** Gregory Allen Howard

In 1971, African-American football coach Herman Boone is faced with the task of coaching Virginia's first integrated high school team. White and black students seem unable to make a successful integration, so Boone and Coach Yost, his white secondin-command, use the team to unify the school.

#### 228 **REVENGE OF THE NERDS**

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1984

Robert Carradine, Anthony Edwards, Timothy Busfield, James Cromwell, PRINCIPAL CAST

John Goodman, Bernie Casey

**DIRECTOR** Jeff Kanew

Ted Field, Peter Samuelson **PRODUCERS SCREENWRITERS** Steve Zacharias, Jeff Buhai

Four geeks form a fraternity that proves brains are the way to beat the jocks at their own game. The oddballs get even.

#### 229 THE RIGHT STUFF

Warner Bros., 1983

PRINCIPAL CAST Sam Shepard, Scott Glenn, Ed Harris, Dennis Quaid, Fred Ward, Barbara

Hershey, Kim Stanley, Veronica Cartwright

**DIRECTOR** 

Philip Kaufman Robert Chartoff, Irwin Winkler **PRODUCERS** 

Philip Kaufman **SCREENWRITER** 

Chuck Yeager, John Glenn, Neil Armstrong and others of America's first space heroes, defy the odds and take off with the America's inaugural Space Program.

#### 230 THE ROBE

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1953

PRINCIPAL CAST Richard Burton, Jean Simmons, Victor Mature, Michael Rennie

Henry Kostner Frank Ross DIRECTOR **PRODUCER** 

**SCREENWRITERS** Albert Maltz, Philip Dunne

A young Roman tribune, consumed with guilt over his part in the crucifixion of Jesus, renounces his scandalous life and searches for redemption by defying Caligula.

#### 231 **ROBIN HOOD**

United Artists, 1922

PRINCIPAL CAST Douglas Fairbanks, Wallace Beery, William Lowery, Sam De Grasse,

Alan Hale Alan Dwan

DIRECTOR **PRODUCER** Douglas Fairbanks

**SCREENWRITERS** Kenneth Davenport, Edward Knoblock

The Earl of Huntington is off fighting the Crusades with Richard the Lion-Hearted, when word comes that evil Prince John is usurping the throne. Huntington returns and goes undercover as Robin Hood to save England and his ladylove, Maid Marian.

#### 232 **ROCKY**

United Artists, 1976

PRINCIPAL CAST Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire, Burt Young, Burgess Meredith,

Ćarl Weathers

John G. Avildsen **DIRECTOR** 

**PRODUCERS** Irwin Winkler, Robert Chartoff

**SCREENWRITER** Sylvester Stallone

A boxer from the streets of Philadelphia gets the chance to go up against the heavyweight champion. His fierce determination – and the support of his girlfriend Adrian – led him to the top of the City Hall steps, and beyond.

#### 233 **ROLLERBALL**

United Artists, 1975

PRINCIPAL CAST James Caan, John Houseman, Maud Adams, John Beck, Moses Gunn

DIRECTOR Norman Jewison **PRODUCER** Norman Jewison **SCREENWRITER** William Harrison

In the not-too-distant future, corporations rule. There are no more countries, and individuality is history. Champion rollerball player Jonathan E challenges the rulers. His dreams for personal freedom clash with the power elite, and a game of life and death begins.

#### 234 THE ROOKIE

Disney, 2002

PRINCIPAL CAST Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths, Brian Cox

**DIRECTOR** John Lee Hancock

**PRODUCERS** Mark Ciardi, Gordon Gray, Mark Johnson

**SCREENWRITER** Mike Rich

Before he was a high school baseball coach, Jim Morris had a shot at the majors, but an injury kept him on the bench. Almost over the hill, he makes a deal with his team – if they win the district championship, he'll step up to the plate one more time and go for it.

## 235 **RUDY**

TriStar, 1993

PRINCIPAL CAST Sean Astin, Jon Favreau, Ned Beatty, Charles S. Dutton, Lili Taylor

DIRECTOR David Anspaugh

PRODUCERS Robert N. Fried, Cary Woods

SCREENWRITER Angelo Pizzo

The littlest guy at Notre Dame wants a shot at playing for his team. There's no chance of this ever happening, but no one can foresee the extent of Rudy's persistence.

# 236 RUN SILENT, RUN DEEP

United Artists, 1958

PRINCIPAL CAST Clark Gable, Burt Lancaster, Jack Warden, Brad Dexter, Don Rickles

DIRECTOR Robert Wise PRODUCER Harold Hecht SCREENWRITER John Gay

Commander P. J. Richardson is one of very few survivors after the Japanese attack his submarine. His obsession to sink the enemy destroyer almost causes a mutiny on board his new sub. The calm, exacting hand of second-in-command Bledsoe pushes them to run silent and deep – face the enemy and blow them out of the water.

### 237 SANDS OF IWO JIMA

Republic, 1949

PRINCIPAL CAST John Wayne, John Agar, Forrest Tucker, Richard Jaeckel

DIRECTOR Allan Dwan
PRODUCERS Edmund Grainger

SCREENWRITERS Harry Brown, James Edward Grant

They don't come any tougher than Marine Sgt. John Stryker. Estranged from his family, he doesn't do anything he wouldn't ask his all-American unit to do. Just as he orders the flag raised on Iwo Jima, Stryker takes a bullet. Then, his devoted men find a letter the embittered, yet heroic, Stryker had been writing to his son.

## 238 **SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER**

Paramount, 1977

PRINCIPAL CAST John Travolta, Karen Lynn Gorney, Barry Miller, Joseph Cali,

Donna Pescow, Julie Bovasso

DIRECTOR John Badham
PRODUCER Robert Stigwood
SCREENWRITERS Norman Wexler

Tony Manero believes his ticket out of Brooklyn is to become the King of Disco. What he discards in pursuit of his dream threatens to disrupt the most meaningful part of his life – his friends and family.

## 239 **SAVING PRIVATE RYAN**

DreamWorks, 1998

PRINCIPAL CAST Tom Hanks, Tom Sizemore, Edward Burns, Barry Pepper, Vin Diesel,

Giovanni Ribisi, Matt Damon

DIRECTOR Steven Spielberg

PRODUCERS Steven Spielberg, Ian Bryce, Mark Gordon, Gary Levinson

SCREENWRITER Robert Rodat

A mother learns that three of her sons have died in battle. Now, it's up to one unit of soldiers, exhausted from D-Day, to trudge through France, find her remaining son, and bring him home.

### 240 **SCENT OF A WOMAN**

Universal, 1992

PRINCIPAL CAST Al Pacino, Chris O'Donnell, Philip Seymour Hoffman, James Rebhorn,

Gabrielle Anwar

DIRECTOR Martin Brest
PRODUCER Martin Brest
SCREENWRITER Bo Goldman

Blind Lieutenant Colonel Frank Slade has a big Thanksgiving planned – he's going to kill himself. But his caretaker, a poor preppie whose entire future is stuck between a lie and the truth, becomes his salvation.

#### 241 SCHINDLER'S LIST

Universal, 1993

PRINCIPAL CAST Liam Neeson, Ben Kingsley, Ralph Fiennes, Caroline Goodall

DIRECTOR Steven Spielberg

PRODUCERS Steven Spielberg, Branko Lustig, Gerald R. Molen

SCREENWRITER Steven Zaillian

Oskar Schindler, an opportunistic German businessman and member of the Nazi party, sets out to make a fortune during the war. At first he exploits the Jewish labor force, but then he realizes he is the only one who can save over 1,000 people from certain death. Quickly becoming penniless to free the Jews at his facility, he yearns to expand the list of survivors even more.

### 242 **SEABISCUIT**

Universal, 2003

PRINCIPAL CAST Tobey Maguire, Jeff Bridges, Chris Cooper

DIRECTOR Gary Ross

PRODUCERS Kathleen Kennedy, Frank Marshall, Gary Ross, Jane Sindell

SCREENWRITER Gary Ross

The horse is too small, the owner's had more heartbreak than any parent should endure, the trainer's never had a winner, and the rider's half-blind. Yet Seabiscuit becomes Horse of the Year in 1938.

## 243 **SEARCHING FOR BOBBY FISCHER**

Paramount, 1993

PRINCIPAL CAST Max Pomeranc, Joe Mantegna, Joan Allen, Ben Kingsley,

Laurence Fishburne

DIRECTOR Steven Zaillian

PRODUCERS William Horberg, Scott Rudin

SCREENWRITER Steven Zaillian

Josh Waitzkin is a chess whiz. Caught in between the worlds of his parents, the coach they hire, and a street hustler who teaches him to navigate the world of speed chess, Josh is lost in a place he never imagined. His shot at a national championship becomes less and less important to the young boy who got into the game just for the fun of it.

## 244 **SERGEANT YORK**

Warner Bros., 1941

PRINCIPAL CAST Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan, Joan Leslie, George Tobias,

Margaret Wycherly, Ward Bond

DIRECTOR Howard Hawks

PRODUCERS Jesse L. Lasky, Hal B. Wallis

SCREENWRITERS Abem Finkel, Harry Chandlee, John Huston, Howard Koch

Alvin York, Tennessee's best shot, single-handedly kills seven Germans, forcing 132 enemy combatants to surrender in World War I and goes on to become one of the wars' most honored and revered heroes.

### 245 **SERPICO**

Paramount, 1973

PRINCIPAL CAST Al Pacino, John Randolph, Jack Kehoe, Biff McGuire, Tony Roberts

DIRECTOR Sidney Lumet
PRODUCER Martin Bregman

SCREENWRITERS Waldo Salt, Norman Wexler

Frank Serpico is the kind of cop other cops hate – uncompromising, unconventional, and undercover. His honesty turns a corrupt NYPD inside out. Shot in the face and left for dead, Serpico survives – as does his legacy – with the NYPD taking a hard look at its own practices.

### 246 **SHAFT**

MGM, 1971

PRINCIPAL CAST Richard Roundtree, Moses Gunn, Charles Cioffi

DIRECTOR Gordon Parks
PRODUCER Joel Freeman

SCREENWRITERS Ernest Tidyman, John D. F. Black

John Shaft is cleaning up Harlem, but he can't do it alone. He galvanizes his enemies, and together they take on the White Mafia in a show of strength the neighborhood has never seen.

## **247 SHANE**

Paramount, 1953

PRINCIPAL CAST Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur, Van Heflin, Brandon de Wilde, Jack Palance

DIRECTOR George Stevens

PRODUCERS Ivan Moffat, George Stevens SCREENWRITERS A. B. Guthrie, Jr., Jack Sher

Shane has been a gunfighter much too long. He wants to live a better life, but he's drawn into a fierce battle between a ruthless cattleman and a group of settlers. Shane straps on his guns one more time and fights for the rights and honor of the people he has come to cherish.

### 248 THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

Columbia, 1994

PRINCIPAL CAST Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman, Clancy Brown, James Whitmore

DIRECTOR Frank Darabont
PRODUCER Niki Marvin
SCREENWRITER Frank Darabont

Wrongly convicted of his wife's murder, Andy Dufresne quietly bides his time working the system in prison and endearing himself to the warden and his staff – while secretly planning a clever escape.

## 249 SILKWOOD

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1983

PRINCIPAL CAST Meryl Streep, Kurt Russell, Cher, Craig T. Nelson, Diana Scarwid,

Fred Ward, Ron Silver

DIRECTOR Mike Nichols

PRODUCERS Michael Hausman, Mike Nichols SCREENWRITERS Alice Arlen, Nora Ephron

Karen Silkwood works at a nuclear facility, where safety conditions are deplorable. She stands up to a menacing corporation and plans to tell her story to a reporter from the New York Times. She never gets there.

### 250 **SINCE YOU WENT AWAY**

United Artists, 1944

PRINCIPAL CAST Claudette Colbert, Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotten, Shirley Temple,

Monty Woolley, Robert Walker

DIRECTOR John Cromwell
PRODUCER David O. Selznick
SCREENWRITER David O. Selznick

Anne Hilton and her daughters cope with life on the home front in the middle of World War II. Like so many other Americans, they take in a boarder, navigate food shortages, and wait for word from the men they love who are missing in action.

## 251 **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE**

TriStar, 1993

PRINCIPAL CAST Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Bill Pullman, Ross Malinger, Rosie O'Donnell

DIRECTOR Nora Ephron
PRODUCER Gary Foster

SCREENWRITERS Nora Ephron, David S. Ward, Jeff Arch

Sam lost his wife, and son Jonah thinks he needs a little help when it comes to women. Jonah calls a talk radio show to describe his father, and every woman in America wants to help. But it is Sarah, 3,000 miles away and sleepless in Baltimore, who ultimately brings them together on top of the Empire State Building.

## 252 **SO PROUDLY WE HAIL!**

Paramount, 1943

PRINCIPAL CAST Claudette Colbert, Paulette Goddard, Veronica Lake

DIRECTOR Mark Sandrich
PRODUCER Mark Sandrich
SCREENWRITER Allan Scott

A group of military nurses in Hawaii have had a pretty easy time of it, until the Pearl Harbor attack. Soon they are shipped to the Philippines, encountering supply problems and exhausting conditions on Bataan and Corregidor. But throughout, they display enormous courage under fire.

## 253 **SOMEBODY UP THERE LIKES ME**

MGM, 1956

PRINCIPAL CAST Paul Newman, Pier Angeli, Everett Sloane, Sal Mineo

DIRECTOR Robert Wise
PRODUCER Charles Schnee
SCREENWRITER Ernest Lehman

Rocky Barbella grows up in the worst sort of poverty, leading to a life of crime and a stretch in prison. When he is released, Rocky lands in a boxing gym and finally begins to find a place for his anger and frustrations. He goes the distance in the ring and in love – but Rocky Graziano, as he is now known, gains the true prize, self-respect.

## 254 **SONG OF BERNADETTE**

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1943

PRINCIPAL CAST Jennifer Jones, William Eythe, Charles Bickford, Vincent Price,

Lee J. Cobb, Anne Reveré, Gladys Cooper

DIRECTOR Henry King
PRODUCER William Perlberg
SCREENWRITER George Seaton

In the middle of the 19th Century, a poor young French girl has a vision. The villagers believe it to be a sign of the Virgin Mary. The church chooses to ignore the entire matter. Politicians think she's crazy. News of the vision spreads and a groundswell of believers descend upon the town of Lourdes. True or not, Bernadette's vision seems to change the lives of the faithful.

## 255 THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1965

PRINCIPAL CAST Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, Richard Haydn, Peggy Wood,

Eleanor Parker

DIRECTOR Robert Wise PRODUCER Robert Wise SCREENWRITER Ernest Lehman

A young nun becomes the governess of seven children in the home of Baron von Trapp, a wealthy widower. Sorely in need of love and affection, the children test Maria mercilessly. She wins them over, and in so doing captures the Captain's heart as well. A last talk with her Mother Superior makes her realize she can climb every mountain – which the whole family must do when they flee the Nazis.

## 256 **SOUNDER**

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1972

PRINCIPAL CAST Cicely Tyson, Paul Winfield, Kevin Hooks

DIRECTOR Martin Ritt
PRODUCER Robert B. Radnitz
SCREENWRITER Lonne Elder III

In 1933 Louisiana, the Depression is almost killing Nathan Morgan and his family. Caught trying to steal a little food for his family, the black sharecropper is sent to jail. His oldest son David sets out on his personal odyssey through the back roads of the Bayou State to visit his father in jail, along with his devoted canine, Sounder.

## 257 **SPARROWS**

United Artists, 1926

PRINCIPAL CAST Mary Pickford, Roy Stewart, Gustav von Seyffertitz

DIRECTOR William Beaudine'
PRODUCER Mary Pickford
SCREENWRITER George Marion, Jr.

Molly is the oldest of a group of badly mistreated orphans on a farm in the American swamplands. At least one of the youngsters has been kidnapped and is being held for ransom by the farmer. Little more than a child herself, Molly leads her flock through alligator-infested waters to a better life.

### 258 **SPARTACUS**

Universal, 1960

PRINCIPAL CAST Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olivier, Peter Ustinov, Jean Simmons,

Charles Laughton, John Gavin, Tony Curtis

DIRECTOR Stanley Kubrick
PRODUCER Edward Lewis
SCREENWRITER Dalton Trumbo

A slave all his life, Spartacus is trained as a gladiator at a school where the students face certain death. Spartacus orchestrates a major escape, and news of this starts a rebellion of fellow slaves against the Roman Empire, with Spartacus the leader. He is eventually executed and many step forward to take his place, but just before dying, he is able to see his newborn son, one who will be raised in freedom.

## 259 **SPIDER-MAN 2**

Columbia, 2004

PRINCIPAL CAST Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Alfred Molina, Rosemary

Harris

DIRECTOR Sam Raimi

PRODUCERS Laura Ziskin, Avi Arad

SCREENWRITER Alvin Sargent

Being a superhero includes sacrifice – often giving up a normal life. Peter Parker tries to embrace his mortality – like time with his love, Mary Jane. But when Doc Octopus begins to ravage the Big Apple, he knows that it is time for a hero – and that hero is Spider-Man.

### 260 THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS

Warner Bros., 1957

PRINCIPAL CAST James Stewart, Murray Hamilton

DIRECTOR Billy Wilder

PRODUCER Leland Hayward

SCREENWRITERS Billy Wilder, Wendell Mayes

Charles Lindbergh's pioneering spirit takes him across the Atlantic Ocean in the world's first solo flight of its kind. Through it, Lucky Lindy captures the hearts and minds of people everywhere and changes the course of aviation.

#### 261 **STAGECOACH**

United Artists, 1939

John Wayne, Claire Trevor, Andy Devine, John Carradine, PRINCIPAL CAST

Thomas Mitchell, Donald Meek, Tim Holt

John Ford DIRECTOR **PRODUCER** Walter Wanger **SCREENWRITER Dudley Nichols** 

A group of strangers head west in routine manner, until it becomes clear that they are in the path of Geronimo, the Apaches, and a pack of marauding outlaws. The passengers must work together as a team to stay alive.

#### 262 **STAND AND DELIVER**

Warner Bros., 1988

PRINCIPAL CAST Edward James Olmos, Rosanna DeSoto, Ingrid Oliu,

Lou Diamond Phillips, Andy Garcia

Ramón Menéndez **DIRECTOR PRODUCER** Tom Musca

SCREENWRITERS Ramón Menéndez, Tom Musca

Jaime Escalante believes his defeated and unmotivated math students have real potential, even though they are a group of gang bangers, dropouts, and drug addicts. His unconventional teaching methods teach them to stand and deliver.

#### 263 STAND BY ME

Columbia, 1986

PRINCIPAL CAST Wil Wheaton, River Phoenix, Corey Feldman, Jerry O'Connell,

Kiefer Sutherland, Casey Siemaszko, Richard Dreyfuss

**DIRECTOR** 

Bruce A. Evans, Raynold Gideon, Andrew Scheinman **PRODUCERS** 

Raynold Gideon, Bruce A. Evans **SCREENWRITERS** 

Four boys search for a missing friend, who is presumed dead. Their all-night adventure tests the bonds of friendship as they grow out of childhood and into young adulthood.

#### 264 **STAND UP AND CHEER!**

Fox, 1934

Shirley Temple, Warner Baxter, Madge Evans, James Dunn, Ralph Morgan, Stepin Fetchit PRINCIPAL CAST

**DIRECTOR** Hamilton MacFadden Winfield R. Sheehan **PRODUCER SCREENWRITER** Ralph Spence

President Franklin Roosevelt appoints a Secretary of Amusement so spirits can be lifted during the Great Depression. There are child labor laws prohibiting the success of the department – but the moment little Shirley Dugan takes a bow, happy days are here again!

## 265 **STAR WARS**

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1977

PRINCIPAL CAST Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Alec Guinness,

James Earl Jones (voice)

DIRECTOR George Lucas
PRODUCER Gary Kurtz
SCREENWRITER George Lucas

Young Luke Skywalker wants to avenge the death of his aunt and uncle. In his efforts to achieve manhood, it is Obi-Wan Kenobi who teaches him the way of the Jedi and the power of "The Force." Luke joins a group of rebels, who prove their heroism by hitting hard at the Empire and destroying its biggest weapon, the Death Star.

## 266 THE STORY OF ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1939

PRINCIPAL CAST Don Ameche, Loretta Young, Henry Fonda, Charles Coburn,

Spring Byington

DIRECTOR Irving Cummings
PRODUCER Darryl F. Zanuck
SCREENWRITER Lamar Trotti

Alexander Graham Bell falls in love with a deaf girl and wants to help her communicate. During his experiments, Bell inadvertently invents the telephone. Bell winds up marrying the girl of his dreams, but their life is filled with challenges as a rival company moves in to put him out of business.

#### 267 THE STORY OF LOUIS PASTEUR

Warner Bros., 1935

PRINCIPAL CAST Paul Muni, Josephine Hutchinson, Anita Louise, Donald Woods,

Fritz Leiber

DIRECTOR William Dieterle PRODUCER Henry Blanke

SCREENWRITERS Pierré Collings, Sheridan Gibney

Pasteur is a pariah in the French medical establishment for writing about cleanliness and sterilization of surgical instruments. Continuing to work on his own, the chemist finds a cure for rabies and creates a pasteurization process. Almost 70 years old and near death, Pasteur is at last recognized for his tremendous contributions to science by his country and the medical profession.

### 268 THE STRAIGHT STORY

Disney, 1999

PRINCIPAL CAST Richard Farnsworth, Sissy Spacek, Everett McGill, Harry Dean Stanton

DIRECTOR David Lynch

PRODUCERS Neal Edelstein, Mary Sweeney SCREENWRITERS John Roach, Mary Sweeney

Elderly farmer Alvin Straight decides he must visit his estranged brother before it is too late. Without the means to make the journey in a traditional way, Straight travels in a painfully slow manner from Iowa to Wisconsin – via his John Deere lawnmower.

# 269 **SULLIVAN'S TRAVELS**

Paramount, 1941

PRINCIPAL CAST Joel McCrea, Veronica Lake

DIRECTOR Preston Sturges
PRODUCER Preston Sturges
SCREENWRITER Preston Sturges

Film director John L. Sullivan wants to make a message picture, not the silly comedies he's become so famous for. He sets out on a journey disguised as a tramp to experience poverty and winds up in big trouble. But at the end of his travels, he discovers, "There's a lot to be said for making people laugh. Did you know that that's all some people have? It isn't much, but it's better than nothing in this cockeyed caravan."

## 270 SUNRISE AT CAMPOBELLO

Warner Bros., 1960

PRINCIPAL CAST Ralph Bellamy, Greer Garson, Hume Cronyn, Jean Hagen

DIRECTOR Vincent J. Donehue PRODUCER Dore Schary SCREENWRITER Dore Schary

In the summer of 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt suffers an attack of polio and loses the use of his legs. Over the next few years, he and Eleanor relentlessly work on his limited recovery. His triumph is symbolized by the ten steps he takes to nominate Al Smith for president at the Democratic convention.

### 271 SUPERMAN

Warner Bros., 1978

PRINCIPAL CAST Christopher Reeve, Gene Hackman, Margot Kidder, Glenn Ford,

Jackie Cooper, Marlon Brando

DIRECTOR Richard Donner

PRODUCERS Alexander Salkind, Pierre Spengler

SCREENWRITERS Mario Puzo, David Newman, Leslie Newman, Robert Benton

A baby boy is jettisoned from a dying planet and lands on Earth. As he grows up, he discovers that he possesses superhuman powers. Shunning public gratitude or notoriety, he disguises himself as an ordinary news reporter, the least likely guy to be out fighting crime, rescuing folks in distress, or saving the planet.

## 272 **SWEET CHARITY**

Universal, 1969

PRINCIPAL CAST Shirley MacLaine, John McMartin, Chita Rivera, Paula Kelly, Stubby Kaye,

Ricardo Montalban, Sammy Davis, Jr.

DIRECTOR Bob Fosse
PRODUCER Robert Arthur
SCREENWRITER Peter Stone

There's got to be something better than this, at least that's what Charity Hope Valentine keeps hoping. The wide-eyed taxi dancer keeps falling for the wrong guy – until she meets Oscar, who's got more phobias than she can count. She lives hopefully ever after. Oh, if her friends could see her now!

#### 273 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Paramount, 1956

PRINCIPAL CAST Charlton Heston, Yul Brynner, Anne Baxter, Edward G. Robinson,

Yvonne De Carlo, John Derek

DIRECTOR Cecil B. DeMille PRODUCER Cecil B. DeMille

SCREENWRITERS Aeneas MacKenzie, Jesse Lasky, Jr., Jack Gariss, Fredric M. Frank

Moses grows up as a prince in Egypt, only to discover his true identity is that of a Hebrew. Exiled into the desert, he begins a new life as a shepherd. Here he is confronted by God and compelled to return to Egypt and free his people. Moses will need to call upon every plague he can muster up to "unharden" the heart of the Pharaoh and let him lead his people to the Promised Land.

### 274 THELMA & LOUISE

MGM, 1991

PRINCIPAL CAST Geena Davis, Susan Sarandon, Harvey Keitel, Michael Madsen,

Christopher McDonald, Brad Pitt

DIRECTOR Ridley Scott

PRODUCERS Ridley Scott, Mimi Polk Gitlin

SCREENWRITER Callie Khouri

Two women who are tired of their humdrum lives take off on a journey that neither of them ever imagined. Misunderstood and frightened, they reclaim their lives through the power of their friendship.

# 275 THE THIEF OF BAGDAD

United Artists, 1924

PRINCIPAL CAST Douglas Fairbanks, Snitz Edwards, Noble Johnson, Sojin,

Anna May Wong

DIRECTOR Raoul Walsh
PRODUCER Douglas Fairbanks

SCREENWRITERS Douglas Fairbanks, Lotta Woods

Sent on a quest for a magic chest, the thief overcomes tremendous obstacles by rescuing Bagdad and the princess from the Mongols.

## 276 THIRTY SECONDS OVER TOKYO

MGM, 1945

PRINCIPAL CAST Van Johnson, Robert Walker, Don DeFore, Robert Mitchum,

Spencer Tracy
DIRECTOR Mervyn LeRoy
PRODUCER Sam Zimbalist
SCREENWRITER Dalton Trumbo

Overwhelmed by the devastation at Pearl Harbor, Americans are badly in need of a victory. This is provided by former stunt pilot Jimmy Doolittle, who prepares an awesome and daring bombing mission, devising a way to get 16 fully loaded bombers off one aircraft carrier and make it all the way to the Japanese mainland.

# 277 TO HELL AND BACK

Universal, 1955

PRINCIPAL CAST Audie Murphy, Marshall Thompson, Charles Drake, Jack Kelly,

David Janssen

DIRECTOR Jesse Hibbs PRODUCER Aaron Rosenberg

SCREENWRITER Gil Doud

Audie Murphy stars as himself in this valiant World War II story of courage and bravery under fire.

## 278 TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Universal, 1962

PRINCIPAL CAST Gregory Peck, Mary Badham, Philip Alford, Brock Peters,

Rosemary Murphy, Robert Duvall

DIRECTOR Robert Mulligan
PRODUCER Alan J. Pakula
SCREENWRITER Horton Foote

Atticus Finch, a righteous Depression-era lawyer, defends a black man wrongly accused of raping a white woman. But he's also a widower raising two young children and guiding them through the everyday wonders of life. Atticus teaches his daughter, Scout, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it."

# 279 **TOP GUN**

Paramount, 1986

PRINCIPAL CAST Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Val Kilmer, Anthony Edwards, Tom Skerritt,

Meg Ryan

DIRECTOR Tony Scott

PRODUCERS Jerry Bruckheimer, Don Simpson

SCREENWRITERS Jim Cash, Jack Epps, Jr.

On the way to becoming top gun at his academy, Lt. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell has a need for speed, but he also has a great deal to overcome. When life's challenges fly closer to home, Maverick's cocky attitude is overshadowed by his skills as a pilot.

## 280 A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1945

PRINCIPAL CAST Peggy Ann Garner, James Dunn, Dorothy McGuire, Joan Blondell,

Lloyd Nolan, James Gleason

DIRECTOR Elia Kazan PRODUCER Louis D. Lighton

SCREENWRITERS Frank Davis, Tess Slesinger

If Francie's father Johnny stops drinking long enough to make ends meet, she might get a chance to attend a better school. Determined to give Francie the best, her dad mysteriously takes off. Later we find that he died of pneumonia looking for work. His death and the memory of his spirit release the family from the many hardships they've had to endure.

# 281 THE TRUMAN SHOW

Paramount, 1998

PRINCIPAL CAST Jim Carrey, Laura Linney, Noah Emmerich, Ed Harris,

Natascha McElhone

DIRECTOR Peter Weir

PRODUCERS Edward S. Feldman, Andrew Niccol, Scott Rudin, Adam Schroder

SCREENWRITER Andrew Niccol

From birth, unwitting Truman Burbank has been the subject of a 24/7 reality show, and his world has been a gigantic television studio. But when he finds out the truth, Truman is eager for a little reality of his own.

#### 282 **12 ANGRY MEN**

United Artists, 1957

PRINCIPAL CAST Henry Fonda, Lee J. Cobb, Ed Begley, Martin Balsam, E. G. Marshall,

Jack Kluaman, Jack Warden

DIRECTOR Sidney Lumet

PRODUCERS Henry Fonda, Reginald Rose

SCREENWRITER Reginald Rose

Eleven jurors are looking for a quick guilty verdict in a murder case, but one of them believes the young Hispanic defendant has been wrongfully accused of killing his father. The dozen white men are forced to examine their own prejudices, and the power of one voice rings true.

# 283 **2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY**

MGM, 1968

PRINCIPAL CAST Keir Dullea, Gary Lockwood, William Sylvester, Douglas Rain (voice)

DIRECTOR Stanley Kubrick
PRODUCER Stanley Kubrick

SCREENWRITERS Stanley Kubrick, Arthur C. Clarke

In a near-future 2001, astronaut Dave Bowman and his team are on a mysterious mission to Jupiter. At odds with the spaceship's maintenance computer, HAL 9000, Bowman is forced to strip the ship's capacity to mere essentials. Knowing he'll certainly die, Bowman leaves the ship behind for a glimpse at infinity.

## 284 AN UNMARRIED WOMAN

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1978

PRINCIPAL CAST Jill Clayburgh, Alan Bates, Michael Murphy

DIRECTOR Paul Mazursky

PRODUCERS Paul Mazursky, Anthony Ray

SCREENWRITER Paul Mazursky

Erica thinks she has the perfect life, until her husband leaves her for another woman. Paralyzed with grief, then anger, Erica takes it one tiny step at a time. She falls for a very successful and sexy artist, who knows a good woman when he sees one, and her husband comes crawling back. But now, Erica relishes her life as an unmarried woman.

## 285 THE VERDICT

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1982

PRINCIPAL CAST Paul Newman, Charlotte Rampling, Jack Warden, James Mason,

Milo O'Shea

DIRECTOR Sidney Lumet

PRODUCER David Brown, Richard D. Zanuck

SCREENWRITER David Mamet

Living in an alcoholic haze, Frank Galvin suddenly gets the chance to resurrect his legal career with what appears to be an open-and-shut medical malpractice settlement. Frank sobers up as he realizes the case really deserves a trial.

# 286 WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT

Touchstone, 1993

PRINCIPAL CAST Angela Bassett, Laurence Fishburne, Jenifer Lewis,

Phyllis Yvonne Stickney, Chi McBride, Vanessa Bell Calloway

DIRECTOR Brian Gibson

PRODUCERS Doug Chapin, Barry Krost

SCREENWRITER Kate Lanier

Little Anna Mae Bullock becomes legendary singer Tina Turner. But husband Ike becomes increasingly abusive, and it becomes clear that he will destroy her if she doesn't stand up to him. She does – and goes on to become simply the best.

## 287 THE WILD ONE

Columbia, 1954

PRINCIPAL CAST Marlon Brando, Mary Murphy, Robert Keith, Lee Marvin

DIRECTOR Laszlo Benedek
PRODUCER Stanley Kramer
SCREENWRITER John Paxton

Johnny and his motorcycle gang ride into small-town America and terrorize the community. The love of a good woman challenges him to consider a more orthodox way of life, but it is an unintentional incident where an old man is killed that really tames the wild one.

## 288 WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Paramount, 1970

PRINCIPAL CAST Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson, Peter Ostrum

DIRECTOR Mel Stuart

PRODUCERS Stan Margulies, David L. Wolper

SCREENWRITER Roald Dahl

Little Charlie wins the very last Golden Ticket, giving him the chance to visit Wonka's chocolate factory. Wonka needs someone with pure imagination to oversee his world when he's gone. Charlie, the boy with nothing but love in his heart, could be the next candy man.

### 289 **WINGS**

Paramount, 1927

PRINCIPAL CAST Clara Bow, Charles "Buddy" Rogers, Gary Cooper

DIRECTOR William A. Wellman
PRODUCER Lucien Hubbard

SCREENWRITERS Hope Loring, Louis D. Lighton, Julian Johnson

World War I makes pilots and friends out of Jack and David, who are rivals for the same girl back home. Even in the worst of conditions they watch each other's backs until one is presumed dead. Vowing to avenge his friend, Jack takes to the skies and unknowingly shoots David down. David forgives his friend before dying, but Jack's trip home is a real lesson in forgiveness and redemption.

### 290 THE WINNING TEAM

Warner Bros., 1952

PRINCIPAL CAST Doris Day, Ronald Reagan, Frank Lovejoy, Russ Tamblyn

DIRECTOR Lewis Seiler PRODUCER Bryan Foy

SCREENWRITERS Merwin Gerard, Seeleg Lester, Ted Sherdeman

Grover Cleveland Alexander, one of baseball's early heroes, triumphs over the worst of tragedies, strikes out Babe Ruth, and ultimately brings home the World Series.

## 291 WITH A SONG IN MY HEART

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1952

PRINCIPAL CAST Susan Hayward, Rory Calhoun, David Wayne, Thelma Ritter,

Robert Wagner

DIRECTOR Walter Lang
PRODUCER Lamar Trotti
SCREENWRITER Lamar Trotti

The true story of Jane Froman, radio's "number one girl singer." The USO asks her to perform for the GIs fighting in Europe. Her plane crashes and Jane almost loses one of her legs. The long road to recovery helps her understand that the man she married is not the man she loves, and that the man she loves will have to wait until she can stand on her own.

## 292 WITHOUT LIMITS

Warner Bros., 1998

PRINCIPAL CAST Billy Crudup, Donald Sutherland, Monica Potter, Jeremy Sisto,

Matthew Lillard

DIRECTOR Robert Towne

PRODUCERS Tom Cruise, Paula Wagner SCREENWRITERS Robert Towne, Kenny Moore

Steve Prefontaine has a gift – he can run faster than the wind. With the help of coach Bill Bowerman, "Pre" makes it to the 1972 Olympic Games with style, beauty, and grace. But it all ends too soon when the 24-year-old sensation is killed in an automobile accident.

## 293 THE WIZARD OF OZ

MGM, 1939

PRINCIPAL CAST Judy Garland, Ray Bolger, Jack Haley, Bert Lahr, Frank Morgan,

Margaret Hamilton, Billie Burke

DIRECTOR Victor Fleming PRODUCER Wervyn LeRoy

SCREENWRITERS Noel Langley, Florence Ryerson, Edgar Allan Woolf

Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion all wish for something they already have – but it takes a dangerous journey to see the Wizard before they understand they don't have to look any farther than their own backyard.

### 294 WORKING GIRL

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1988

PRINCIPAL CAST Melanie Griffith, Sigourney Weaver, Harrison Ford,

Alec Baldwin, Joan Cusack, Kevin Spacey

DIRECTOR Mike Nichols
PRODUCER Douglas Wick
SCREENWRITER Kevin Wade

Tess McGill has, according to herself, "a head for business and a bod for sin," but all she wants is for someone on Wall Street to take her seriously. With inspired ideas ripped from the gossip pages, perseverance and a friend in Jack Trainer, Tess outwits her jealous boss and takes Manhattan by storm.

### 295 YANKEE DOODLE DANDY

Warner Bros., 1942

PRINCIPAL CAST James Cagney, Joan Leslie, Walter Huston, Richard Whorf,

Rosemary DeCamp
DIRECTOR Michael Curtiz
PRODUCER Hal B. Wallis

SCREENWRITERS Robert Buckner, Edmund Joseph

When the world was at war, this biopic about George M. Cohan, the ultimate songand-dance man who wore his patriotism on his sleeve, made the country stand up and fight – over there!

## 296 **YENTL**

MGM, 1983

PRINCIPAL CAST Barbra Streisand, Mandy Patinkin, Amy Irving, Nehemiah Persoff

DIRECTOR Barbra Streisand

PRODUCERS

Barbra Streisand, Rusty Lemorande
SCREENWRITERS

Jack Rosenthal, Barbra Streisand

A young Jewish woman yearns to learn, but Jewish law prohibits women from studying the Talmud. Yentl dresses up as a man and follows her heart – straight to the Yeshiva, where she learns some unexpected lessons as well – in friendship and love.

### 297 YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

Columbia, 1938

PRINCIPAL CAST Jean Arthur, Lionel Barrymore, James Stewart, Edward Arnold,

Mischa Auer, Ann Miller, Spring Byington

DIRECTOR Frank Capra
PRODUCER Frank Capra
SCREENWRITER Robert Riskin

On the surface it appears that the Kirbys, wealthy beyond measure, are the haves, and the Sycamores, the out-of-the-ordinary folks, are the have-nots. But the money-grubbing Kirbys get a swift kick in the pants when they get a good look at how the other half lives.

# 298 YOUNG MR. LINCOLN

Twentieth Century-Fox, 1939

PRINCIPAL CAST Henry Fonda, Alice Brady, Marjorie Weaver, Eddie Collins,

Pauline Moore,

Donald Meek

DIRECTOR John Ford
PRODUCER Darryl F. Zanuck
SCREENWRITER Lamar Trotti

The story of the early years of America's 16<sup>th</sup> President focuses on his days as the local legal eagle of Springfield. While Abe's law practice builds steadily, a political career blossoms.

# 299 YOUNG TOM EDISON

MGM, 1940

PRINCIPAL CAST Mickey Rooney, Fay Bainter, George Bancroft, Virginia Weidler,

Eugene Pallette

DIRECTOR Norman Taurong
PRODUCER John W. Considine, Jr.

SCREENWRITERS Hugo Butler, Bradbury Foote, Dore Schary

This young man has a thirst for knowledge that no one understands, most of all his father. Thomas Alva Edison's mother believes in her son and gives him the confidence to begin the incredible journey that makes him one of the greatest inventors of the modern era.

#### 300 **ZORBA THE GREEK**

International Classics, 1964

PRINCIPAL CAST

Anthony Quinn, Alan Bates, Lila Kedrova, Irene Papas Michael Cacoyannis Michael Cacoyannis Michael Cacoyannis DIRECTOR **PRODUCER SCREENWRITER** 

An introverted English writer travels to Greece and meets the exuberant extrovert, Zorba. The old man teaches the young man about love, loyalty, and most of all – life!