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## Fessic's Favorite Movies

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### Action Adventure

Rank	Title	Year	MPAA	Directed By	Commentary
1	To Have and Have Not	1944	UR	Howard Hawks	<i>Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart star in this adaptation of an Ernest Hemingway novel. This film classic is full of intrigue, suspense, and some very memorable characters.</i>
2	Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World	2003	PG-13	Peter Weir	<i>Follow the HMS Surprise as she and her crew hunt the elusive, and better armed French Acheron. It's an epic saga that portrays the harshness of early naval warfare.</i>
3	Raiders of the Lost Ark	1981	PG	Steven Spielberg	<i>Raiders of the Lost Ark could easily be described as the quintessential Action Adventure movie, and will always have a special place in my heart.</i>
4	Ronin	1998	R	John Frankenheimer	<i>If you're looking for big explosions and tons of eye candy you've come to the wrong place. Ronin is everything that movies of this sort should be, but aren't.</i>
5	Last of the Mohicans, The	1992	R	Michael Mann	<i>A great story with some really well done action sequences and breathtaking cinematography. This movie also has one of the best scores of all time.</i>
6	Jurassic Park	1993	PG-13	Steven Spielberg	<i>Jurassic Park has got to be one of the most amazing and fun movie experiences I've ever had. An awesome story that keeps you on the edge of your seat; what a thrill ride</i>
7	Twister	1996	PG-13	Jan De Bont	<i>Part Adventure, part Romance, Twister takes you on a thrill ride as you step into the shoes of storm chasers whose passion for their work exceeds the rational. A fun movie.</i>
8	Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon	2000	PG-13	Ang Lee	<i>Li Mu Bai and Jiao Long Yu are longtime friends and hired warriors on a mission to recover a priceless stolen artifact. Chinese title: Wu Hu Cang Long.</i>
9	Gladiator	2000	R	Ridley Scott	<i>This is one of those great adventures which can only be fully appreciated in a theatre. It's a classic tale of betrayal, struggle and one man's destiny.</i>
10	Patriot Games	1992	R	Phillip Noyce	<i>Tom Clancy's masterful work comes to life in this film. Follow CIA analyst Jack Ryan as he tries to unravel an intricate plot to assassinate a member of the Royal Family.</i>

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## Comedy

Rank	Title	Year	MPAA	Directed By	Commentary
1	Radioland Murders	1994	PG	Mel Smith	<i>It's a zany murder mystery/comedy set in the golden age of radio. This fun filled feature (story by George Lucas) feels almost like you're watching a stage production.</i>
2	Planes, Trains and Automobiles	1987	R	John Hughes	<i>Planes, Trains and Automobiles earns a spot at number 2 for not only being one of the funniest movies I've ever seen, but deep down one of the most heartfelt as well.</i>
3	Forget Paris	1995	PG-13	Billy Crystal	<i>Billy Crystal and Debra Winger are simply hilarious in the romantic comedy that almost earned a place in the top ten. It's one of those fun movies for when you need a laugh</i>
4	City Slickers	1991	PG-13	Ron Underwood	<i>Billy Crystal and company are a riot in this classic comedy that follows a group of friends who set out for fun and adventure in the hopes of finding meaning in their lives.</i>
5	My Cousin Vinny	1992	R	Jonathan Lynn	<i>Joe Pesci and Marisa Tomei are simply hilarious in this picture about a couple of New York "youths" who are mistakenly arrested for murder in a small Alabama town.</i>
6	Father of the Bride	1991	PG	Charles Shyer	<i>As far as I'm concerned Father of the Bride is already a movie classic. Deep down it's a Drama, that just happens to be chock full of hilarious moments.</i>
7	I Was a Male War Bride	1949	UR	Howard Hawks	<i>A romantic comedy starring Cary Grant as a French officer and Ann Sheridan as his American escort, both sent on a special assignment. Full of laughs and hilarious dialogue.</i>
8	Wedding Singer, The	1998	PG-13	Frank Coraci	<i>As a child of the 80's I couldn't help but love this tongue-in-cheek comedy starring Adam Sandler. Lots of laughs and of course Great music.</i>
9	Clue	1985	PG-13	Jonathan Lynn	<i>A Who Dunit based very loosely on the classic board game. All those famous characters really come to life. Tim Curry is the highlight here as a conniving Butler.</i>
10	Dave	1993	PG-13	Ivan Reitman	<i>Dave Kovic is a kind hearted manager of a Temp Agency, who also does an excellent impersonation of the President. Imagine his surprise when the Secret Service shows up...</i>

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## Documentary

Rank	Title	Year	MPAA	Directed By	Commentary
1	Blue Planet: Seas of Life	2001	NR	Alastair Fothergill	<i>This amazing documentary, narrated by David Attenborough, will take you on a journey through the world's oceans. Some of the footage here is simply incredible.</i>
2	Planet Earth	2006	NR	Alastair Fothergill	<i>This epic documentary about our small planet offers a sobering reminder of just how fragile it is, while reminding us why it's worth taking care of...before it's too late</i>
3	Spellbound	2002	G	Jeffrey Blitz	<i>Who could have imagined what some kids (and their parents) go through in preparing for a Spelling Bee. Much more emotional that I would have imagined...and Interesting.</i>
4	March of the Penguins	2004	G	Luc Jacquet	<i>If I could be any animal let me assure you it would not be a penguin. I couldn't believe what these poor creatures go through just to bring one delicate life into the world</i>
5	Life of Mammals, The	2002	NR	David Attenborough	<i>Another quality series from David Attenborough. Be prepared to discover some amazing things as you explore the Life of Mammals. (5-Disk Set)</i>
6	Living Planet	1984	NR	David Attenborough	<i>Living Planet is an older series from David Attenborough that was formatted specifically for television. If you can get past the aged footage there's a lot to appreciate.</i>
7	A Crude Awakening: The Oil Crash	2006	NR	Basil Gelpke Ray McCormack	<i>If only people could realize how many problems (foreign and domestic) stem from this nation's dependency on foreign oil. Here's a film that informatively engages the topic.</i>
8	King of Kong, The	2007	PG-13	Seth Gordon	<i>Beyond offering a peek into the world of competitive video gaming, this documentary presents an insightful look at an American sub-culture...and human nature.</i>
9	Promises	2001	NR	Carlos Bolado B. Z. Goldberg	<i>This heart-wrenching film shares the story of five Israeli and Palestinian children who live but a few miles apart and yet worlds away from each other.</i>
10	Alaska: Spirit of the Wild	1997	NR	George Casey	<i>Explore the mysteries surrounding Alaska and its wildlife in this classic IMAX feature. My favorite segment features the wily black bears fishing for salmon.</i>

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## Drama

Rank	Title	Year	MPAA	Directed By	Commentary
1	Rocky	1976	PG	John G. Avildsen	<i>It's the quintessential story of hardship, love, and the struggle that every man goes through to prove to himself he's worth something. Yet it isn't always about victory.</i>
2	Dances With Wolves	1990	PG-13	Kevin Costner	<i>By far one of the most epic, dramatic adventures of all time. Set against the backdrop of the Civil War this is the story of one man's amazing journey of self-discovery.</i>
3	Mission, The	1986	PG	Roland Joffe	<i>Father Gabriel is a Jesuit Priest, committed to reaching the indigenous tribes of South America. Rodrigo is a ruthless mercenary and a slave trader who preys on the same.</i>
4	Best Years of Our Lives, The	1946	UR	William Wyler	<i>This film follows the story of three men from the same small town who've just returned home from the war (WWII), and their unique struggles to readjust and begin a new life.</i>
5	Casablanca	1942	PG	Michael Curtiz	<i>"Of all the gin joints, in all the towns, in all the world...she had to walk into mine"</i>
6	Life Is Beautiful	1997	PG-13	Roberto Benigni	<i>A love story that's full of romance, comedy and drama. It's the one time I recommend watching in the dubbed version instead of subtitles - it's Roberto Benigni's voice.</i>
7	Shawshank Redemption, The	1994	R	Frank Darabont	<i>Andy Dufresne came to Shawshank in 1941 for the murder of his wife and her lover. But there's something different about Andy, the quiet banker who doesn't fit in...</i>
8	Driving Miss Daisy	2004	PG	Bruce Beresford	<i>A masterpiece in terms of screenplay and acting. This heartfelt story captures the beauty of enduring friendship. A better ending could not have been written.</i>
9	Cast Away	2000	PG-13	Robert Zemeckis	<i>How Tom Hanks didn't win an Oscar for this role I'll never know. Suffice it to say this is one of the most emotional movies I think I've seen. Hats off to Robert Zemeckis</i>
10	It's A Wonderful Life	1946	UR	Frank Capra	<i>While most of us probably think of this as a "Christmas" movie it should be recognized for what it really is, a film classic and one of the all time great Dramas.</i>

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## Family

Rank	Title	Year	MPAA	Directed By	Commentary
1	Princess Bride, The	1987	PG	Rob Reiner	<i>Grandson: "Has it got any sports in it?" Grandpa: "Are you kidding? Fencing, fighting, torture, revenge, giants, monsters, chases, escapes, true love, miracles..."</i>
2	Neverending Story, The	1986	PG	Wolfgang Petersen	<i>One of the most memorable films from my youth, and still a great movie for kids of all ages.</i>
3	Cool Runnings	1993	PG	Jon Turteltaub	<i>Based on the true story of Jamaica's first Olympic bobsled team. This light hearted comedy features John Candy in one of his best roles; and sadly, one of his last.</i>
4	Mary Poppins	1964	PG	Robert Stevenson	<i>This beloved tale about the nanny who's 'Nearly perfect in every way' is filled with music and characters that will make you smile and laugh. A truly enchanting family film.</i>
5	Batteries Not Included	1987	PG	Matthew Robbins	<i>If there is one movie that defines what going to the movies is all about, this is it. Fun, magical, heartwarming, and a great cast. Don't forget the popcorn.</i>
6	Journey of Natty Gann, The	1985	PG	Jeremy Kagan	<i>The Journey of Natty Gann takes place during the Great Depression and follows the adventures of a young girl in search of her father. A movie for the whole family.</i>
7	Labyrinth	1986	PG	Jim Henson	<i>One of the classic Jim Henson productions, full of wonderful puppet characters, some really fun musical numbers, an amazing fantasy world and...singer David Bowie.</i>
8	Toy Story 2	1999	G	John Lasseter Ash Brannon	<i>One of the best Disney animated features to come out since the golden years of Disney animation. Endearing characters, hilarious situations and laughter abound.</i>
9	Monsters, Inc.	2001	G	Pete Docter David Silverman	<i>Mike and Sulley are at the top of their game when an unexpected visitor comes along and turns everything upside down. A laugh out loud comedy for kids of all ages.</i>
10	Babe	1995	G	Chris Noonan	<i>An endearing and very well made tale of a pig named Babe, and his quest to become the best sheepdog that a pig ever was. His fellow farm animals really make this picture.</i>

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## Live Performance

Rank	Title	Year	MPAA	Directed By	Commentary
1	U2: Rattle and Hum	1988	PG-13	Phil Joanou	<i>I discovered U2 from a trailer for this film, which documents the band's tour across America through the mid to late 80s. If only I had been old enough to see them live...</i>
2	Celtic Woman: A New Journey	2006	NR	Declan Lowney	<i>This second outing for the venerable Celtic Woman production was featured on PBS one evening. I was instantly enchanted. Set against a great backdrop.</i>
3	Yanni: Live at the Acropolis	1993	NR	Charlie Adams	<i>Does anyone remember a store called "Natural Wonders?" I was in that store when I discovered Yanni for the first time, on a large screen, live at the Acropolis.</i>
4	Jerry Seinfeld: I'm Telling You For the Last Time	1998	NR	Marty Callner	<i>Jerry Seinfeld delivers some of his best material spanning the first several chapters of his career in this live Broadway performance. Truly some hilarious stuff.</i>
5	George Strait	2003	NR	Tony Brown Sid Farbstein	<i>You won't find a lotta glitz and flashy lights here, just good country music from one of the greatest singers of all time.</i>
6	Riverdance	1997	NR	John Mccolgan	<i>When Riverdance came to America it introduced us to a whole new genre of Irish folk music and traditional dance, paving the way for later troupes and performers.</i>
7	Celtic Woman	2005	NR	John Comiskey	<i>The original Celtic Woman concert, filmed at Helix Center in Dublin, features a great selection of songs. This is one you can pop in and just listen to while working.</i>
8	U2: Go Home, Live From Slane Castle	2002	NR	Hamish Hamilton Enda Hughes	<i>The energy of the crowd is unmistakable as U2 makes a homecoming back at Slane Castle in Ireland. It's a mixture of classic U2 songs and some of their newer hits.</i>
9	Sarah Brightman: One Night In Eden	1999	NR	David Mallet Frank Peterson	<i>Sarah and company put on a pleasant, minimalist performance based on a selection from the "Eden" album.</i>
10	(Blank Entry)	2008	NR	To Be Determined	<i>Searching for another worthwhile entry in the Live Performance category</i>

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## Mystery/Thriller

Rank	Title	Year	MPAA	Directed By	Commentary
1	Jaws	1975	PG	Steven Spielberg	<i>Raise your hand if you refused to go in the water after watching this movie. Me too. As far as I'm concerned Jaws set the bar for not-too-gory Thrillers; a true masterpiece</i>
2	Bodyguard, The	1992	R	Mick Jackson	<i>There's something about this movie; maybe it's the chemistry between Whitney Houston &amp; Kevin Costner, or perhaps it's Costner's memorable character. A Great Film.</i>
3	Big Sleep, The	1946	UR	Howard Hawks	<i>If you haven't figured out by now I'm a huge fan of Humphrey Bogart films. And this is one of the best. Howard Hawks does it again with this superb Film Noir</i>
4	Presumed Innocent	1990	R	Alan J. Pakula	<i>One of those great movies (starring Harrison Ford) that will leave you guessing all the way up to the end. Also a thought-provoking peek into our criminal justice system.</i>
5	Out of the Past	1947	NR	Jacques Tourneur	<i>Arguably the best Film Noir of all time. The depth of the main character is slowly revealed over the course of the film, which is replete with very memorable characters.</i>
6	Maltese Falcon, The	1941	UR	John Huston	<i>The original detective mystery movie, and still one of the best. If you're watching this for the first time now you'll know where some of those famous scenes come from.</i>
7	Hunt for Red October, The	1990	PG	John Mctiernan	<i>The Red October is a Soviet Nuclear Submarine with a special purpose, and it's headed into American waters. Great characters and a twisting plot make this a classic.</i>
8	L.A. Confidential	1997	R	Curtis Hanson	<i>The thing I appreciate about this film is that no one is truly "good." Every character, each perfectly cast, has a weakness. You never really know what will happen next.</i>
9	Collateral	2004	R	Michael Mann	<i>There's something very unique about Michael Mann's style. His films always manage to suck you into the world he's created, with vivid characters and top notch suspense.</i>
10	Firm, The	1993	R	Sydney Pollack	<i>Mitch McDeere just landed the job of his dreams, but he'll soon find out he got much more than he bargained for.</i>

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## Romance

Rank	Title	Year	MPAA	Directed By	Commentary
1	Untamed Heart	1993	PG-13	Tony Bill	<i>Caroline and Adam are two people whose complicated and misunderstood lives are filled with pain and rejection...until the events of one fateful night bring them together...</i>
2	Mostly Martha	2002	PG	Sandra Nettlebeck	<i>Martha is a neurotic but very talented chef who must now care for her young niece. As if that weren't stressful enough the owner of the restaurant just hired a second chef.</i>
3	Titanic	1997	PG-13	James Cameron	<i>Seeing Titanic in the movie theatre is like going to the movies for the first time. The whole experience is simply amazing. A great romance, and an all around great film</i>
4	It Could Happen To You	1994	PG	Andrew Bergman	<i>Charlie Lang and Yvonne Biasi are good hearted, ordinary people who are thrown into extraordinary circumstances after Charlie and his wife Muriel win the lottery.</i>
5	Zelary	2003	R	Ondrej Trojan	<i>Hana would never have anticipated that she'd be hiding out in a quaint little mountain village. But her safety depends on blending in...by marrying a quiet man named Joza.</i>
6	Far and Away	1992	PG-13	Ron Howard	<i>An epic tale of a poor young Irish farmer as he sets out to make a new life for himself in the land of opportunity - America. But he'll need the help of Shannon to get there</i>
7	It Happened One Night	1934	UR	Frank Capra	<i>Ellie Andrews is a wealthy heiress who's run away to be with her playboy beau. Peter Warne is an out of work journalist who just happens to run into Ellie along the way.</i>
8	Remains of the Day, The	1993	PG-13	James Ivory	<i>Stevens is head butler at a very prestigious manor, whose loyalty and obsessive devotion to his duties overshadow the thing that his heart most desires.</i>
9	Kinamand	2005	NR	Henrik Ruben Genz	<i>Keld is a simple plumber whose wife has just left him. Soon thereafter he reluctantly agrees to wed the sister of his Chinese friend in a marriage of convenience...</i>
10	Love & Basketball	2000	PG-13	Gina Prince Bythewood	<i>Quincy and Monica were childhood playmates who both grew up with a passion for basketball. But things don't always turn out the way you imagine when you're young.</i>

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## Sci-Fi/Fantasy

Rank	Title	Year	MPAA	Directed By	Commentary
1	Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring	2001	PG-13	Peter Jackson	<i>Unlike many other fantasy movies LotR is great not just for its special effects. This is truly a wonderful story with deep characters and a fully realized world. A+</i>
2	Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back	1980	PG	Irvin Kershner	<i>I'll never forget that climactic moment towards the end of the movie in which a fateful truth is revealed to the hero of this endearing saga. "It is your...Destiny"</i>
3	Matrix, The	1999	R	Andy Wachowski Larry Wachowski	<i>Matrix wins my award for best opening scene of all time. I was completely blown away by the mystique and beauty of the character Trinity. A highly thought-provoking story.</i>
4	Aliens	1986	R	James Cameron	<i>James Cameron does an excellent job blending the suspense of the first film with his signature action oriented approach. I especially love the variety of characters here.</i>
5	Star Wars: Return of the Jedi	1983	PG	Richard Marquand	<i>While the final space battle is well done, I have to say my favorite part of this movie is the rescue of Han Solo, which entails the first 20 or so minutes of the film.</i>
6	Back to the Future	1985	PG	Robert Zemeckis	<i>The entire Back to the Future series deserves a lot of credit for its highly original story and all around fun characters. The first one is by far the best.</i>
7	Abyss, The	1989	PG-13	James Cameron	<i>Putting aside the incredible technical achievement of this film you still have a thoroughly engaging story about human nature and just how far we have to go.</i>
8	Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers	2002	PG-13	Peter Jackson	<i>Aragorn, Gimli and Legolas are in a race against time to save their friends Merry and Pippen; while Sam and Frodo struggle to make their way safely to Mordor.</i>
9	Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian	2008	PG	Andrew Adamson	<i>The second film adaptation of the beloved book series by C.S. Lewis follows the return of the children to Narnia, which has now fallen to the dreaded Telmarines</i>
10	Artificial Intellegence: AI	2001	PG-13	Steven Spielberg	<i>AI explores the deep philosophical question: What makes a person? In this story of a small robot boy who wants, above all...to be human.</i>

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## War Drama

Rank	Title	Year	MPAA	Directed By	Commentary
1	Saving Private Ryan	1998	R	Steven Spielberg	<i>Nothing in movie-making history yet compares to the realism and intensity of Saving Private Ryan's opening sequence, which depicts the D-Day invasion of Normandy.</i>
2	Das Boot	1981	R	Wolfgang Peterson	<i>Das Boot is so intense you'll feel as if you're right there with its crew, aboard a WWII German submarine sent on a daring mission against overwhelming odds.</i>
3	Glory	1989	R	Edward Zwick	<i>This film recounts the true story of the little known 54th Regiment of Massachusetts. One of few black units to have fought and died for a freedom they would never know.</i>
4	Lawrence of Arabia	1962	PG	David Lean	<i>The most amazing thing about this epic film is that it's based on the true story of T.E. Lawrence, a WWI British officer who accomplishes what no one thought possible.</i>
5	Man Who Never Was, The	1956	NR	Ronald Neame	<i>Lt. Commander Montagu has been given a mission almost certain to fail. He must convince the Germans that the Allies will not invade through Sicily. Based on a true story.</i>
6	Twelve O'Clock High	1949	UR	Henry King	<i>General Frank Savage and his down and out squadron of fighter bombers can't seem to understand one another. This drama follows their struggle to pull things together.</i>
7	Band of Brothers	2001	UR	Many	<i>This outstanding mini-series isn't just about WWII combat, though there's plenty of it. Rather it focuses on the men who fought and died together...the men of Easy Company.</i>
8	Great Escape, The	1963	UR	John Sturges	<i>The German Luftwaffe have built a special POW camp to house all of their problem prisoners, bringing the best British and American escape artists together into one place.</i>
9	Stalingrad	1993	NR	Joseph Vilsmaier	<i>Officer Hans von Witzland and his platoon of German soldiers are faced with two choices that each offer little hope amidst the long and bloody battle of Stalingrad.</i>
10	Enemy at the Gates	2001	R	Jean Jacques Annaud	<i>Vassili Zaitsev is nothing more than a lowly foot soldier when his superb sharpshooting skills are noticed by Political Officer Commisar Danilov. And a legend is born.</i>

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## Honorable Mentions

Rank	Title	Year	MPAA	Directed By	Commentary
	12 Angry Men	1957	UR	Sidney Lumet	<i>An emotionally energetic yet timeless film that makes you realize just how difficult it can be to look past your personal bias, resist peer pressure and be truly objective.</i>
	Amadeus	1984	PG	Milos Forman	<i>This retelling of the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart won 8 Academy Awards, and for good reason.</i>
	Apollo 13	1995	PG	Ron Howard	<i>Witness the true story of four men and their ill-fated mission to the moon. It'll make you wish you could be an astronaut and, at the same time, glad that you're not one.</i>
	Beautiful Mind, A	2001	PG-13	Ron Howard	<i>One of Ron Howard's best films stars Russell Crowe as the brilliant mathematician John Nash. Based on a true story.</i>
	Beauty and the Beast	1991	G	Gary Trousdale Kirt Wise	<i>Another Disney animated film with a truly wonderful collection of songs. Come to think of it, both Lion King and this one were eventually turned into Broadway shows</i>
	Bicycle Thief, The	1948	UR	Vittorio De Sica	<i>A dramatic and heart-wrenching tale of a boy and his father who scour the streets of Italy in a desperate search for a stolen bicycle. Oscar recipient for best Foreign Film</i>
	Big Fish	2003	PG-13	Tim Burton	<i>Easily Tim Burton's best work. This fantastical tale manages to be light-hearted, whimsical and deeply moving all at once. The perfect choice for family movie night.</i>
	Bishop's Wife, The	1947	UR	Henry Koster	<i>When Bishop Brougham prayed for help getting a cathedral built, Dudley (played by Cary Grant) wasn't quite what he had in mind. A wonderful "Christmas" film. Full of humor</i>
	Chariots of Fire	1981	PG	Hugh Hudson	<i>Eric Liddell and Harold Abrahams are long distance runners, Olympic hopefuls, and good friends. But both have very different reasons for wanting to win.</i>
	Chocolat	2000	PG-13	Lasse Hallstrom	<i>A charming movie full of wonderful characters, especially the mysterious Vianne with her delicious chocolates, the drifter Roux and the Count, who isn't as bad as he seems</i>
	Color Purple, The	1985	PG-13	Steven Spielberg	<i>Celie is a young black girl without a hope in the world, aside from the love that she and her sister Nettie share with one another. Set in Georgia, 1937.</i>

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	Field of Dreams	1989	PG	Phil Alden Robinson	<i>Field of Dreams stands out with an amalgamation of magic, emotion and great story telling. It's one of those films that embodies what going to the movies is all about.</i>
	Finding Neverland	2004	PG	Marc Forster	<i>Johnny Depp does a superb job in his portrayal of the eccentric but endearing J.M. Barrie, author of Peter Pan. It's a story about friendship, fit for the whole family.</i>
	Forrest Gump	1994	PG-13	Robert Zemeckis	<i>Forrest Gump is an incredibly naïve and lovable person who throughout the course of his life manages to touch the lives of so many people. This is a movie not to be missed.</i>
	Fugitive, The	1993	PG-13	Andrew Davis	<i>One of the greatest mystery/thrillers of all time is rounded out by an equally superb cast of characters and a storyline that will keep you guessing right up to the end.</i>
	Gospel of John, The	2003	PG-13	Philip Saville	<i>An epic retelling of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. What I appreciate most about this film is the accessible manner in which the Gospel of John is brought to life.</i>
	Grapes of Wrath, The	1940	UR	John Ford	<i>Set during the Great Depression, the story follows Tom Joad and his family as they make the long journey from Oklahoma to California in the hopes of a better life.</i>
	Hoosiers	1986	PG	David Anspaugh	<i>Coach Norman Dale arrives in the small town of Hickory, Indiana to find an out of sorts high school basketball team and local townsfolk who aren't keen on change.</i>
	I Am Sam	2001	PG-13	Jessie Nelson	<i>Despite his mental disability Sam and Lucy have a good home. But when the authorities decide Sam isn't fit to be her guardian he seeks the help of a lawyer he can't afford.</i>
	Incredibles, The	2004	PG	Brad Bird	<i>This fun family film shows what happens when everything comes together: the story, characters, directing, voice actors, animation...it's a great time not to be missed.</i>
	Les Miserables	1998	PG-13	Billie August	<i>Liam Neeson stars in this film adaptation of the famous musical. There's no singing in this version though, just a moving story of unconditional love and personal sacrifice.</i>
	Lion King, The	1994	G	Roger Allers Rob Minkoff	<i>Probably the most fun thing about this movie are the songs. From the dramatic opening piece all the way to the endearing Pumba and Timon version of Hakuna Matata.</i>

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Rank	Title	Year	MPAA	Directed By	Commentary
	Man for All Seasons, A	1966	G	Fred Zinnemann	<i>Based on the true story of Sir Thomas More, a Catholic Chancellor who faces pressure from King Henry VIII to compromise his beliefs. Played superbly by Paul Scofield.</i>
	Medicine Man	1992	PG-13	John Mctiernan	<i>Dr. Robert Campbell is sure that he's made "the discovery of the Century." The only problem is he can't replicate the experiment. Set in the majestic Amazon Rain Forest.</i>
	Miracle	2004	PG	Gavin O' Connor	<i>You don't have to be a hockey fan to appreciate this movie. Because it's much more about the players, and the determined coach they played for. Based on a true story.</i>
	Mutiny on the Bounty	1935	UR	Frank Lloyd	<i>Captain William Bligh works his crew mercilessly, even testing the loyalty of his fellow officers. When First Mate Fletcher Christian begins questioning the Captain...</i>
	O Brother, Where Art Thou	2000	PG-13	Joel Coen Ethan Coen	<i>By far one of the most unique movies yet made. Memorable characters, humor and excellent music are just some of the things you'll find in this highly original film.</i>
	Out of Africa	1985	PG	Sydney Pollack	<i>Karen Blixen moved to Africa with her husband to start a coffee plantation, where she discovers an incredible yet daunting new world very unlike the one she came from.</i>
	Quiz Show	1994	PG-13	Robert Redford	<i>In the late 1950's the game show Twenty-One was all the rage. Every show was filled with suspense and drama; but there was something about it the TV audience didn't know.</i>
	Rocky II	1979	PG	Sylvester Stallone	<i>Follow the story of a young couple struggling to find their place in the world as they face trials and uncertainty. It's a heartfelt tale of love and unwavering commitment.</i>
	Schindler's List	1993	R	Steven Spielberg	<i>Above all this movie is a portrayal of human nature...at its best...and worst. Oskar Schindler wasn't a perfect man, but his convictions impacted the lives of many.</i>
	Searching for Bobby Fischer	1993	PG	Steven Zaillian	<i>Josh Waitzkin is a young chess prodigy who hopes one day to be just like his hero Bobby Fischer. But he soon learns what he'll have to sacrifice for the glory he seeks.</i>
	Shackleton	2002	NR	Charles Sturridge	<i>Shackleton follows the true life story of the inimitable explorer and his hand picked crew as they set out to discover the unexplored territory of Antarctica. Set in 1915.</i>

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