

Hoopla movies with 4-star reviews from Roger Ebert (last updated 2/11/21)

The Accidental Tourist (1988) PG



William Hurt and Kathleen Turner star in a romantic comedy-drama about a reluctant travel writer whose world is turned upside-down when his wife leaves him.

Across the Universe (2007) PG-13



Across The Universe, an original musical film, is a love story set against the backdrop of the 1960s, amid the turbulent years of anti-war protest, the struggle for free speech and civil rights, mind exploration and rock 'n roll. At once gritty, whimsical and highly theatrical, the story moves from high schools and universities in Massachusetts, Princeton and Ohio to the Lower East Side of Manhattan, the Detroit riots, the killing fields of Vietnam and the dockyards of Liverpool.

Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore (1974) PG



Ellen Burstyn won the Best Actress Academy Award for her performance in this memorable comedy-drama about a widowed mother suddenly forced to take charge of her own life.

Antonia's Line (1995) R



Subtitles. In the aftermath of WWII, strong-willed Antonia and her free-spirited daughter return to their hometown, ingratiating themselves with its tight-knit and eccentric community and fostering a vibrant circle of strong, liberated women.

Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans (2009) R



Terence McDonagh is a drug- and gambling-addled detective in post-Katrina New Orleans investigating the killing of five Senegalese immigrants. Also starring Oscar nominee Brad Dourif ("One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest"), Eva Mendes ("Training Day") and Val Kilmer ("Top Gun").

Before the Devil Knows You're Dead (2007) R



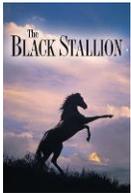
Andy (Philip Seymour Hoffman), a debt-ridden broker, needs some quick cash. He ropes his younger brother, Hank (Ethan Hawke), into a scheme to commit the perfect crime: to rob their parents' (Albert Finney, Rosemary Harris) jewelry store. The scheme goes horribly awry, and the family patriarch takes justice into his own hands, unaware that the criminals he is hunting are his own sons.

Black Hawk Down (2002) R



From acclaimed director Ridley Scott and renowned producer Jerry Bruckheimer, based on actual events, Black Hawk Down is the heroic account of a group of elite U.S. soldiers sent into Mogadishu, Somalia in 1993 as part of a U.N. peacekeeping operation. Their mission: to capture several top lieutenants of the Somali warlord, Mohamed Farrah Aidid, as part of a strategy to quell the civil war and famine that is ravaging the country.

The Black Stallion (1979) G



Teri Garr and Mickey Rooney star in this heartwarming adventure about a boy who forges a special friendship with a wild stallion after both are shipwrecked on a deserted island.

Blazing Saddles (1974) R



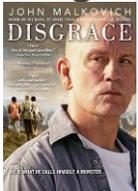
Ribald, tasteless and hilarious ... this classic spoof of the Western genre by director Mel Brooks pokes fun at everyone and everything. A corrupt governor grants a reprieve to an African American convict if the condemned man agrees to serve as sheriff of a small Western town, believing that new sheriff will only live long enough to serve the needs of the governor and his nefarious railroad-baron backer. Academy Award nominations for Best Actress in a Supporting Role (Madeline Kahn); Best Music, Original Song; and Best Film Editing.

The Bounty (1984) PG



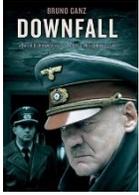
Based on the novel, 'Captain Bligh and Mr. Christian,' this is the story of a 1789 mutiny aboard the H.M.S. Bounty in which an idyllic voyage to Tahiti turns a crew against its Captain when they find tropical paradise and unlimited sex, but the Captain decides to leave and take his crew on a perilous voyage around Cape Horn.

Disgrace (2008) R



In a landmark performance, Oscar nominee John Malkovich (In the Line of Fire, 1993) stars as Professor David Lurie, whose world is shattered when he is fired for seducing a college student. He finds peace at his estranged daughter's modest farm in South Africa until a horrific incident of terror and violence forces Lurie to confront his beliefs and the disturbing racial complexities of the new South Africa. Based on the Booker Prize-winning novel, DISGRACE stands out as a gritty, gripping drama of brutality, survival and hope.

Downfall (2004) R



Featuring an indelible performance by Bruno Ganz (Nosferatu The Vampyre) as history's most notorious despot, Downfall gives a gripping insight into the madness and desperation of a tyrant's final hours. Subtitles.

The Edge of Heaven (2008) PG-13



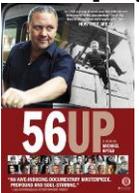
Acclaimed director Fatih Akin, weaves tales of friendship and sexuality into a powerful narrative of universal love. Six characters are drawn together by circumstances - an old man and a prostitute forging a partnership, a young scholar reconciling his past, two women falling in love, and a mother putting the shattered pieces of her life back together. Akin's piercing sense of the human condition and contemporary world events charge these hyperlinked stories into a multicultural powder keg.

Farewell, My Lovely (1975) R



No one is a saint in the City of Angels. The immortal Robert Mitchum stars as Raymond Chandler's legendary detective Philip Marlowe in the neo-noir mystery, Farewell, My Lovely.

56 Up (2012) NR



"Give me the child until he is seven and I will give you the man." Starting in 1964 with Seven Up, The UP Series has explored this Jesuit maxim. The original concept was to interview 14 children from diverse backgrounds from all over England, asking them about their lives and their dreams for the future. Every seven years, renowned director Michael Apted, a researcher for Seven Up, has been back to talk to them, examining the progression of their lives.

Frailty (2002) R



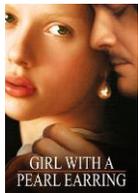
Years after terrorizing a small Texas community, the God's Hand Killer has returned - leaving in his wake a perplexing trail of fear and death. Convinced that he knows the killer's identity, Fenton Meiks shows up at FBI Headquarters, intent on putting an end to the murderous rampage and relieving his conscience of his family's sinister secrets.

Ghost World (2001) R



Based on a graphic novel, GHOST WORLD is about neo-cool Enid (Thora Birch) and Rebecca (Scarlett Johansson), faced with graduation from high school. They take a hard look at the world they wryly observe and decide what they really want.

Girl with a Pearl Earring (2003) PG-13



Nominated for three Academy Awards, Girl with a Pearl Earring tells the imagined, intriguing, and highly seductive story behind one of Vermeer's greatest and most enigmatic paintings.

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (2009) R



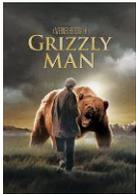
Forty years ago, Harriet Vanger disappeared from a family gathering. Her body was never found, yet her uncle is convinced that it was murder and that the killer is a member of his own family. He employs disgraced journalist Mikael Blomkvist and the tattooed and troubled but resourceful computer hacker Lisbeth Salander to investigate. When the pair link Harriet's disappearance to a number of grotesque murders from almost forty years ago, they begin to unravel a dark and appalling family history. This is the original Swedish version.

The Great Santini (1979) PG



Robert Duvall is "Bull" Meechum, a gung-ho Marine pilot known as the Great Santini. "A warrior without a war," he battles on the domestic front with his loving but bullied family.

Grizzly Man (2005) R



In this mesmerizing new documentary film, acclaimed director Werner Herzog explores the life and death of amateur grizzly bear expert and wildlife preservationist Timothy Treadwell, who lived unarmed among grizzlies for 13 summers.

Hair (1979) PG



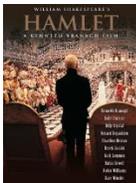
With exuberance, inventiveness and humor, Treat Williams and Beverly D'Angelo lead a cast of future stars in this film of one of Broadway's most popular musical phenomenons of all time.

Halloween (1978) R



Fifteen years after murdering his sister on Halloween night 1963, Michael Myers escapes from a mental hospital and returns to the small town of Haddonfield, Illinois to kill again.

Hamlet (1996) PG-13



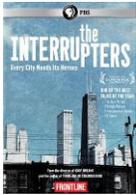
Kenneth Branagh leads an all-star cast in this full-length production of William Shakespeare's greatest tragedy, the story of Danish prince Hamlet. Hamlet returns home to learn that his father, the King, has recently died and his mother, Gertrude, has already married his uncle, Claudius. Suffering from shock and grief, the young prince is visited by the ghost of his father, who claims that he was murdered by Claudius and who demands vengeance. Now, Hamlet must decide whether this tale told by an apparition is true--and whether he should exact the vengeance his father demands.

I Am Love (2010) R



The wealthy Recchi family has undergone sweeping changes. Eduardo Sr. has named a successor to the reins of his company, and surprised everyone by splitting power between his son Tancredi and grandson Edo. But Edo had always dreamed of opening a restaurant with his friend Antonio. To make matters worse, the very foundation of the entire family may be totally shattered after Tancredi's wife Emma falls deeply in love with Antonio and begins a passionate love affair.

The Interrupters (2011) NR



The Interrupters tells the moving and surprising stories of three Violence Interrupters who try to protect their Chicago communities from the violence they once employed. Shot over the course of a year, The Interrupters captures a period in

In the Family (2011) NR



In the town of Martin, Tennessee, Chip Hines, a precocious six year old, has only known life with his two dads, Cody and Joey. And a good life it is. When Cody dies suddenly in a car accident, Joey and Chip struggle to find their footing again. Just as they begin to, Cody's will reveals that he named his sister as Chip's guardian. The years of Joey's acceptance into the family unravel as Chip is taken away from him. In his now solitary home life, Joey searches for a solution. The law is not on his side, but friends are. Armed with their comfort and inspired by memories of Cody, Joey finds a path to peace with the family and closer to his son.

In the Valley of Elah (2007) R



Desperate to solve the mystery behind their son's disappearance, his father, also a war Veteran, and mother seek the help of seasoned police detective to uncover his true fate.

The Joy Luck Club (1993) R



Every mother longs for the love of her daughter and to break through the barriers that often stand in the way of understanding each other. Every daughter dreams of earning the affection and approval of her mother and to feel that there is something of value to be shared between them. This is the story of four remarkable women whose extraordinary lives are filled with love and tragedy, richness and magic, and who are sustained by the hopes and dreams they have for their daughters.

Kalifornia (1993) R



Tense, chilling, psychodrama and darkly comic road movie. Graduate student and his girlfriend set out on a cross-country roadtrip to research a book they are writing on serial killers. Along the way, they pick up an ex-con and his girlfriend who will take them on a ride they'll never forget.

La Cage aux Folles (1978) R



One of the most successful comedies of all time, this Best Foreign Film Award winner inspired "The Birdcage" and stars Michel Serrault and Ugo Tognazzi as two partners torn between cross-dressing and chaos!

The Last Seduction (1994) R



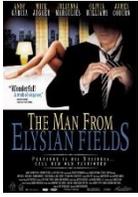
Looking to escape her unhappy marriage, villainous femme fatale Bridget Gregory (Linda Fiorentino) convinces her husband, Clay (Bill Pullman), to sell cocaine, then steals the profits and runs out on him.

Local Hero (1983) PG



Peter Riegert and Burt Lancaster star in Bill Forsyth's whimsical comedy of an oil company's attempted buyout of a Scottish seaport.

The Man from Elysian Fields (2001) R



After Byron Tiller (Andy Garcia) fails as a novelist, he joins an escort agency, Elysian Fields, which caters to rich women looking for intelligent companionship. Byron takes the job while keeping the whole thing a secret from his loving wife.

Mean Streets (1973) R



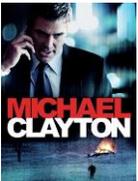
Robert DeNiro stars in Martin Scorsese's drama of young men coming to manhood by the code of New York's Little Italy. A harrowing, intense and grueling dramatic experience.

Me and Orson Welles (2009) PG-13



When a high-schooler lucks into a role in a Broadway production of Julius Caesar, he's got a lot to learn - the first is to never upstage genius director, 22-year-old Orson Welles.

Michael Clayton (2007) R



Michael Clayton, a former prosecutor, takes care of Kenner, Bach & Ledeen's "dirty work." The firm's top litigator sabotages a case and the firm sends Clayton to tackle this disaster.

Monster (2003) R



Charlize Theron abandons her glamorous image for this stark drama, in which she plays a mentally unstable prostitute who becomes a serial killer. Aileen Wuornos (Theron) was a woman who survived a vicious and abusive childhood.

Monster's Ball (2001) R



An angry, racist, and hard-drinking prison guard who works the executioner's row reexamines his attitudes while falling in love with the African American wife of the last prisoner he executed.

Munyurangabo (2009) NR



After stealing a machete from a market in Kigali, Munyurangabo and his friend, Sangwa, leave the city on a journey tied to their pasts. Munyurangabo wants justice for his parents who were killed in the genocide, and Sangwa wants to visit the home he deserted years ago.

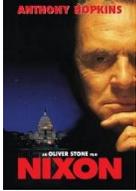
Though they plan to visit Sangwa's home for just a few hours, the boys stay for several days. From two separate tribes, their friendship is tested when Sangwa's wary parents disapprove of Munyurangabo, warning that "Hutus and Tutsis are supposed to be enemies." An intense & inspiring portrait of youth in Rwanda, MUNYURANGABO features Poet Laureate Edouard Uwayo delivering a moving poem about his healing country.

Network (1976) R



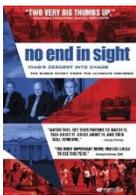
As relevant today as it ever was, Sidney Lumet's brilliant, multiple Oscar-winning satirical exposé of the men and women behind the television networks stars Faye Dunaway, Peter Finch, William Holden, Robert Duvall, and Ned Beatty. When Howard Beale (Finch), the dean of newscasters at the United Broadcasting System, is forced to retire, network executive Max Schumacher (Holden), Howard's best friend, must deliver the bad news. Beale can't stomach the idea of losing his 25-year post as anchorman simply because of age, so in his next broadcast he announces to the viewers that he's going to commit suicide on his final program.

Nixon (1995) R



Anthony Hopkins electrifies the screen as Nixon in the acclaimed hit from controversial director Oliver Stone! Nominated for 4 Academy® Awards, Nixon takes a riveting look at a complex man whose chance at greatness was ultimately destroyed by his passion for power – when his involvement in conspiracy jeopardized the nation's security and the presidency of the United States! With a phenomenal all-star cast, featuring Ed Harris, James Woods and Joan Allen, Nixon is powerful motion picture entertainment you don't want to miss!

No End in Sight (2007) NR



An insider's look at the decisions that led to the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq and the handling of the occupation. Includes a candid retelling of the events following the fall of Baghdad in 2003. Documentary.

On Golden Pond (1981) PG



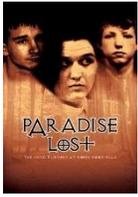
The loons are back again on Golden Pond and so are Norman Thayer, a retired professor, and Ethel who have had a summer cottage there since early in their marriage.

Panic (2000) R



All of his adult life, Alex has worked for his father in the family business. Now, in the throes of a midlife crisis, he wants a change. Trouble is, the family business is murder-for-hire, and his father won't let him quit! After meeting and falling in love with Sarah, a confused, sexually charged twenty-three-year-old woman, now his life is really out of control!

Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills (1996) **NR**



Three teens, who dress in all black and listen to heavy metal, are accused of the murder of three little boys, and are instantly condemned by a retribution-hungry public. Now they try to defend themselves against a dubious lack of proof.

Passion Fish (1992) R



After an accident leaves her a paraplegic, a former soap opera star struggles to recover both emotionally and mentally, until she meets her newest nurse, who has struggles of her own.

Patang (2012) NR



When a businessman returns to his childhood home for India's largest kite festival, an entire family confronts its own fractured past. With bold, lyrical editing and vibrant cinematography, PATANG delights the senses and nourishes the spirit.

Rampart (2011) R



Set in 1999 Los Angeles, veteran police officer Dave Brown, the last of the renegade cops, works to take care of his family, and struggles for his own survival.

Rendition (2007) R



What if someone you knew just ... "disappeared"? Reese Witherspoon, Jake Gyllenhaal, Meryl Streep and Alan Arkin star a harrowing thriller--a story that could happen to anyone today--a tale of Rendition. When an Egyptian engineer "disappears" on a flight from Africa to Washington, D.C., his American wife (Academy Award winner Witherspoon--Walk the Line) and a CIA analyst (Academy Award nominee Gyllenhaal--Brokeback Mountain) who witnesses his torture find their ordered worlds spinning out of control and themselves caught in a struggle to secure his release from a secret detention facility somewhere in the Middle East.

Running on Empty (1988) PG-13



Judd Hirsch and Christine Lahti flee facing charges from an inadvertent crime they committed. Their eldest son is torn between running with his fugitive parents.

Russian Ark (2002) NR



A modern filmmaker magically finds himself transported to the 18th century where he embarks on a time-traveling journey through 300 years of Russian history. The first feature film ever created in a single take. Subtitles.

Samsara (2012) PG-13



Filmed over nearly five years in twenty-five countries on five continents, and shot on seventy-millimetre film, this documentary transports us to the varied worlds of sacred grounds, disaster zones, industrial complexes, and natural wonders.

The Scent of Green Papaya (1993) NR



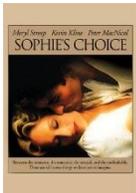
An Academy Award nominee for Best Foreign Language Film, Tran Anh Hung's recreates antebellum 1951 Vietnam through both the wide eyes of childhood and the deep blush of first love. Subtitles.

Seraphine (2010) NR



S raphine is the true story of Seraphine Louis aka S raphine de Senlis, a simple and profoundly devout housekeeper who in 1905 at age 41 - self-taught and with the instigation of her guardian angel - began painting brilliantly colorful canvases. In 1912 Wilhelm Uhde, a German art critic and collector, discovered her paintings while she worked for him as a maid in his lodgings in Senlis outside Paris.
subtitle language English

Sophie's Choice (1982) R



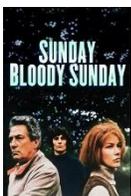
Sophie is the survivor of Nazi concentration camps, who has found a reason to live in Nathan, a sparkling if unsteady American Jew obsessed with the Holocaust. Meryl Streep and Kevin Kline star.

The Spectacular Now (2013) R



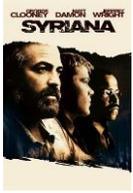
Sutter Keel, a high school kid with effortless charm and the self-proclaimed "life of the party," is having the perfect senior year -- until he loses both his girlfriend and his part-time job. But when he meets Aimee, the "nice girl" next door, an unlikely romance begins as Sutter and Aimee struggle to overcome their differences and help each other through the many challenges of growing up.

Sunday, Bloody Sunday (1971) R



Glenda Jackson and Peter Finch pool their considerable talents to portray two Londoners coping with the noncommittal affections of the lover they have in common in this provocative story.

Syriana (2005) R



Syriana: noun a geographical term referring to those Middle East hot spots that have proven volatile with regard to the security of the United States; a place in the Middle East where trouble is always breaking out. Based on the best-selling book See No Evil: The True Story of a Ground Soldier in the CIA's War on Terrorism by Robert Baer, this timely political thriller takes a penetrating look at the efforts of the U.S. intelligence-gathering community in the Middle East, weaving together several storylines ranging from American foreign policy and the CIA's role in it to the oil industry and terrorism. Welcome to Syriana.

Taxi to the Dark Side (2007) R



Director Alex Gibney explores the American military's use of torture by focusing on the unsolved murder of an Afghani taxi driver. Documentary.

10 (1979) NR



Blake Edwards' sexy comedy hit about a middle-aged man's pursuit of a stunning beauty catapulted Dudley Moore and Bo Derek to stardom.

Thirteen Conversations About One Thing (2001) R



In New York City, the lives of a lawyer, an actuary, a house cleaner and a professor intersect as they ponder order and happiness in the face of life's cold unpredictability. Starring Matthew McConaughey.

Trucker (2010) R



Diane Ford leads a carefree life of long-haul trucking, one night stands and all-night drinking until the evening her estranged 11-year-old son, Peter is unexpectedly dropped at her door while his father is in the hospital.

Seeing the life of freedom she's fought for now jeopardized, Diane looks sidelong at an uncharted future that is not as simple or straightforward as she had once believed possible.

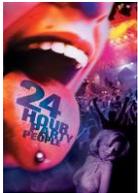
Trust (2010) R



A teenage girl (Liana Liberato, "If I Stay") is targeted by an online sexual predator. This dark thriller from "Friends" star David Schwimmer features Clive Owen ("Children of Men"), Catherine Keener ("Being John Malkovich"), Jason Clarke ("Dawn of the Planet of the Apes") and

Viola Davis ("Fences").

24 Hour Party People (2002) R



Manchester 1976: Cambridge educated Tony Wilson (Steve Coogan) is at a Sex Pistols gig. Totally inspired by this pivotal moment in music history, he and his friends set up a record label, Factory Records, signing first Joy Division then the Happy Mondays, who become seminal artists of their time. What ensues is a tale of music, sex, drugs and the birth of one of the most famous dance clubs in the world, The Hacienda - a mecca for clubbers as famous as the likes of Studio 54.

Wag the Dog (1997) R



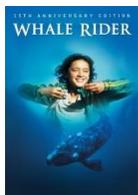
A tale of politics, power and Hollywood so outrageous it could be true! The President of the United States is involved in a sex scandal. His advisors call in a political consultant.

We Need to Talk About Kevin (2012) R



A suspenseful and gripping psychological thriller, this film explores the fractious relationship between a mother and her evil son. Tilda Swinton, in a bracing, tour-de-force performance, plays the mother, Eva, as she contends for years with the increasing malevolence of her first-born child, Kevin (Ezra Miller). Based on the best-selling novel of the same name, WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN explores nature vs. nurture on a whole new level as Eva's own culpability is measured against Kevin's innate evilness. Ramsay's masterful storytelling simultaneously combines a provocative moral ambiguity with a satisfying and compelling narrative, which builds to a chilling, unforgettable climax.

Whale Rider (2002) PG-13



A contemporary story of love, rejection and triumph as a young Maori girl fights to fulfill a destiny her grandfather refuses to recognize. Starring Keisha Castle-Hughes. Written and directed by Niki Caro.

When a Man Loves a Woman (1994) R



A happily married couple finds their relationship starting to crumble when the wife's dependence on alcohol threatens their bond. Starring Andy Garcia and Meg Ryan.

The Wild Bunch (1969) R



Receiving two Academy Award nominations, this bitter, brutal story of magnificent losers in a dying West remains one of the screen's all-time classics.

The Year of Living Dangerously (1983) PG



A hot-shot Australian reporter covering the turmoil of revolution in Indonesia, gets involved with a sexy British attache. Starring Mel Gibson, Sigourney Weaver, and Linda Hunt.