

American Film Institute's 2007 100 Best Movies

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The American Film Institute (AFI) was created in 1967 to train the next generation of filmmakers and preserve America's fast-disappearing film heritage. Today the AFI provides leadership in screen education and recognition and celebration of excellence in the art of film, television, and digital media.

In 1997, the first "100 Best Movies" list was published after selection by AFI's blue-ribbon panel of over 1,500 leaders in the American movie community. In 2007, the list was re-done, again by the votes of a panel. This list adds movies released after 1997 and older movies that were overlooked in the 1997 list. It is in rank order, reflecting the number of votes cast for each film by the new panel of experts. The rankings may be different from those of the 1997 list, though some films maintained their previous ranks. Twenty-three movies have been added to this list, which means that an equal number of titles that were on the 1997 list no longer appear.

1. *Citizen Kane* (DVD DRAMA CIT) 119 min. 1941.
2. *The Godfather* (DVD DRAMA GOD) 171 min. 1972.
3. *Casablanca* (DVD DRAMA CAS) 103 min. 1942.
4. *Raging Bull* (DVD DRAMA RAG) 129 min. 1980.
5. *Singin' in the Rain* (DVD MUSICAL SIN) 103 min. 1952.
6. *Gone with the Wind* (DVD DRAMA GON) 233 min. 1939.
7. *Lawrence of Arabia* (DVD ACTION LAW) 216 min. 1962.
8. *Schindler's List* (DVD DRAMA SCH) 196 min. 1993.
9. *Vertigo* (DVD DRAMA VER) 128 min. 1958.
10. *The Wizard of Oz* (DVD FAMILY WIZ) 101 min. 1939.
11. *City Lights* (DVD COMEDY CIT) 87 min. 1931.
12. *The Searchers* (DVD ACTION SEA) 119 min. 1956.
13. *Star Wars: A New Hope* (DVD SCI-FI STA E.4) 95 min. 1977.
14. *Psycho* (DVD SCI-FI PSY) 109 min. 1960.
15. *2001: A Space Odyssey* (DVD SCI-FI TWO) 148 min. 1968.
16. *Sunset Boulevard* (DVD DRAMA SUN) 110 min. 1950.
17. *The Graduate* (DVD DRAMA GRA) 106 min. 1967.
18. *The General* (DVD COMEDY GEN) 116 min. 1926.
19. *On the Waterfront* (DVD DRAMA ON) 108 min. 1954.
20. *It's a Wonderful Life* (DVD DRAMA ITS) 132 min. 1946.
21. *Chinatown* (DVD DRAMA CHI) 130 min. 1974.
22. *Some Like It Hot* (DVD COMEDY SOM) 122 min. 1959.
23. *The Grapes of Wrath* (DVD DRAMA GRA) 129 min. 1940.
24. *E.T. - The Extra-Terrestrial* (DVD FAMILY ET) 115 min. 1982.



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25. *To Kill a Mockingbird* (DVD DRAMA TO) 130 min. 1962.
26. *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (DVD DRAMA MR.) 130 min. 1939.
27. *High Noon* (DVD ACTION HIG) 85 min. 1952.
28. *All About Eve* (DVD DRAMA ALL) 138 min. 1950.
29. *Double Indemnity* (DVD DRAMA DOU) 107 min. 1944.
30. *Apocalypse Now* (DVD DRAMA APO) 153 min. 1979.
31. *The Maltese Falcon* (DVD DRAMA MAL) 100 min. 1941.
32. *The Godfather, Part II* (DVD DRAMA GOD) 202 min. 1974.
33. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (DVD DRAMA ONE) 134 min. 1975.
34. *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (DVD FAMILY SNO) 84 min. 1937.
35. *Annie Hall* (DVD COMEDY ANN) 93 min. 1977.
36. *The Bridge on the River Kwai* (DVD DRAMA BRI) 162 min. 1957.
37. *The Best Years of our Lives* (DVD DRAMA BES) 168 min. 1946.
38. *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre* (DVD ACTION TRE) 126 min. 1947.
39. *Dr. Strangelove* (DVD COMEDY DR.) 90 min. 1963.
40. *The Sound of Music* (DVD MUSICAL SOU) 175 min. 1965.
41. *King Kong* (DVD SCI-FI KIN) 104 min. 1933.
42. *Bonnie and Clyde* (DVD ACTION BON) 112 min. 1967.
43. *Midnight Cowboy* (DVD DRAMA MID) 113 min. 1969.
44. *The Philadelphia Story* (DVD COMEDY PHI) 112 min. 1940.
45. *Shane* (DVD ACTION SHA) 117 min. 1952.
46. *It Happened One Night* (DVD COMEDY IT) 105 min. 1934.
47. *A Streetcar Named Desire* (DVD DRAMA STR) 125 min. 1951.
48. *Rear Window* (DVD DRAMA REA) 115 min. 1954.
49. *Intolerance* (DVD DRAMA INT) 178 min. 1916.
50. *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* (DVD SCI-FI LOR) 178 min. 2001.
51. *West Side Story* (DVD MUSICAL WES) 152 min. 1961.
52. *Taxi Driver* (DVD DRAMA TAX) 114 min. 1976.
53. *The Deer Hunter* (DVD DRAMA DEE) 183 min. 1978.
54. *M*A*S*H* (DVD COMEDY MAS) 116 min. 1969.
55. *North by Northwest* (DVD ACTION NOR) 136 min. 1959.
56. *Jaws* (DVD SCI-FI JAW) 125 min. 1975.
57. *Rocky* (DVD DRAMA ROC) 119 min. 1976.
58. *The Gold Rush* (DVD COMEDY GOL) 81 min. 1925.
59. *Nashville* (DVD DRAMA NAS) 159 min. 1975.
60. *Duck Soup* (DVD COMEDY DUC) 69 min. 1933.
61. *Sullivan's Travels* (DVD COMEDY SUL) 91 min. 1941.
62. *American Graffiti* (DVD COMEDY AME) 112 min. 1973.
63. *Cabaret* (DVD MUSICAL CAB) 124 min. 1972.
64. *Network* (DVD DRAMA NET) 121 min. 1976.



65. *The African Queen* (DVD DRAMA AFR) 100 min. 1951.
66. *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark* (DVD ACTION IND) 115 min. 1981.
67. *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (DVD DRAMA WHO) 131 min. 1966.
68. *Unforgiven* (DVD ACTION UNF) 131 min. 1992.
69. *Tootsie* (DVD COMEDY TOO) 116 min. 1982.
70. *A Clockwork Orange* (DVD DRAMA CLO) 137 min. 1971.
71. *Saving Private Ryan* (DVD DRAMA SAV) 169 min. 1998.
72. *The Shawshank Redemption* (DVD DRAMA SHA) 142 min. 1994.
73. *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* (DVD ACTION BUT) 110 min. 1969.
74. *The Silence of the Lambs* (DVD DRAMA SIL) 118 min. 1990.
75. *In the Heat of the Night* (DVD DRAMA IN) 110 min. 1967.
76. *Forrest Gump* (DVD COMEDY FOR) 141 min. 1994.
77. *All the President's Men* (DVD DRAMA ALL) 139 min. 1976.
78. *Modern Times* (DVD COMEDY MOD) 87 min. 1936.
79. *The Wild Bunch* (DVD ACTION WIL) 145 min. 1969.
80. *The Apartment* (DVD COMEDY APA) 125 min. 1960.
81. *Spartacus* (DVD DRAMA SPA) 196 min. 1960.
82. *Sunrise* (DVD DRAMA SUN) 95 min. 1927.
83. *Titanic* (DVD DRAMA TIT) 194 min. 1997.
84. *Easy Rider* (DVD DRAMA EAS) 95 min. 1969.
85. *A Night at the Opera* (DVD COMEDY NIG) 91 min. 1935.
86. *Platoon* (DVD ACTION PLA) 120 min. 1986.
87. *12 Angry Men* (DVD DRAMA TWE) 96 min. 1957.
88. *Bringing Up Baby* (DVD COMEDY BRI) 102 min. 1938.
89. *The Sixth Sense* (DVD SCI-FI SIX) 107 min. 1999.
90. *Swing Time* (DVD MUSICAL SWI) 103 min. 1936.
91. *Sophie's Choice* (DVD DRAMA SOP) 150 min. 1982.
92. *GoodFellas* (DVD DRAMA GOO) 146 min. 1990.
93. *The French Connection* (DVD ACTION FRE) 104 min. 1971.
94. *Pulp Fiction* (DVD ACTION PUL) 154 min. 1994.
95. *The Last Picture Show* (DVD DRAMA LAS) 126 min. 1971.
96. *Do the Right Thing* (DVD DRAMA DO) 120 min. 1989.
97. *Blade Runner* (DVD SCI-FI BLA) 117 min. 1982.
98. *Yankee Doodle Dandy* (DVD MUSICAL YAN) 126 min. 1942.
99. *Toy Story* (DVD FAMILY TOY) 81 min. 1995.
100. *Ben-Hur* (DVD DRAMA BEN) 212 min. 1959.

