

# Best Movies

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The American Film Institute (AFI) was created in 1967 to train the next generation of filmmakers and to preserve America's fast-disappearing film heritage. Today the AFI provides leadership in screen education and the recognition and celebration of excellence in the art of film, television, and digital media. These 100 movies were selected in 1997 by the AFI's blue-ribbon panel of more than 1,500 leaders in the American movie community. The list is in rank order, reflecting the number of votes cast for each film by panel members. The 2007 list is also available.

1. *Citizen Kane* (DVD DRAMA CIT) 119 min. 1941.
2. *Casablanca* (DVD DRAMA CAS) 103 min. 1942.
3. *The Godfather* (DVD DRAMA GOD) 171 min. 1972.
4. *Gone With the Wind* (DVD DRAMA GON) 233 min. 1939.
5. *Lawrence of Arabia* (DVD ACTION LAW) 216 min. 1962.
6. *The Wizard of Oz* (DVD FAMILY WIZ) 101 min. 1939.
7. *The Graduate* (DVD DRAMA GRA) 106 min. 1967.
8. *On the Waterfront* (DVD DRAMA ON) 108 min. 1954.
9. *Schindler's List* (DVD DRAMA SCH) 196 min. 1993.
10. *Singin' in the Rain* (DVD MUSICAL SIN) 103 min. 1952.
11. *It's a Wonderful Life* (DVD DRAMA ITS) 130 min. 1946.
12. *Sunset Boulevard* (DVD DRAMA SUN) 110 min. 1950.
13. *The Bridge on the River Kwai* (DVD DRAMA BRI) 162 min. 1957.
14. *Some Like It Hot* (DVD COMEDY SOM) 122 min. 1959.
15. *Star Wars* (DVD SCI-FI STA E.4: A New Hope) 95 min. 1977.
16. *All About Eve* (DVD DRAMA ALL) 138 min. 1950.
17. *The African Queen* (DVD DRAMA AFR) 100 min. 1951.
18. *Psycho* (DVD SCI-FI PSY) 109 min. 1960.
19. *Chinatown* (DVD DRAMA CHI) 130 min. 1974.
20. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (DVD DRAMA ONE) 134 min. 1975.
21. *The Grapes of Wrath* (DVD DRAMA GRA) 129 min. 1940.
22. *2001: A Space Odyssey* (DVD SCI-FI TWO) 148 min. 1968.
23. *The Maltese Falcon* (DVD DRAMA MAL) 100 min. 1941.
24. *Raging Bull* (DVD DRAMA RAG) 129 min. 1980.
25. *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* (DVD FAMILY ET) 117 min. 1982.



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26. *Dr. Strangelove* (DVD COMEDY DR.) 90 min. 1964.
27. *Bonnie and Clyde* (DVD ACTION BON) 112 min. 1967.
28. *Apocalypse Now* (DVD DRAMA APO) 153 min. 1979.
29. *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (DVD DRAMA MR.) 130 min. 1939.
30. *Treasure of the Sierra Madre* (DVD ACTION TRE) 126 min. 1948.
31. *Annie Hall* (DVD COMEDY ANN) 93 min. 1977.
32. *The Godfather Part II* (DVD DRAMA GOD) 200 min. 1974.
33. *High Noon* (DVD DRAMA HIG) 85 min. 1952.
34. *To Kill a Mockingbird* (DVD DRAMA TO) 130 min. 1962.
35. *It Happened One Night* (DVD COMEDY IT) 105 min. 1934.
36. *Midnight Cowboy* (DVD DRAMA MID) 113 min. 1969.
37. *The Best Years of Our Lives* (DVD DRAMA BES) 168 min. 1946.
38. *Double Indemnity* (DVD DRAMA DOU) 107 min. 1944.
39. *Doctor Zhivago* (DVD DRAMA DOC) 200 min. 1965.
40. *North by Northwest* (DVD ACTION NOR) 136 min. 1959.
41. *West Side Story* (DVD MUSICAL WES) 152 min. 1961.
42. *Rear Window* (DVD DRAMA REA) 115 min. 1954.
43. *King Kong* (DVD SCI-FI KIN) 104 min. 1933.
44. *The Birth of a Nation* (DVD DRAMA BIR) 187 min. 1915.
45. *A Streetcar Named Desire* (DVD DRAMA STR) 125 min. 1951.
46. *A Clockwork Orange* (DVD DRAMA CLO) 137 min. 1971.
47. *Taxi Driver* (DVD DRAMA TAX) 135 min. 1976.
48. *Jaws* (DVD SCI-FI JAW) 125 min. 1975.
49. *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (DVD FAMILY SNO) 84 min. 1937.
50. *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* (DVD ACTION BUT) 110 min. 1969.
51. *The Philadelphia Story* (DVD COMEDY PHI) 114 min. 1940.
52. *From Here to Eternity* (DVD DRAMA FRO) 118 min. 1953.
53. *Amadeus* (DVD DRAMA AMA) 160 min. 1984.
54. *All Quiet on the Western Front* (DVD DRAMA ALL) 130 min. 1930.
55. *The Sound of Music* (DVD MUSICAL SOU) 175 min. 1965.
56. *M\*A\*S\*H* (DVD COMEDY MAS) 116 min. 1970.
57. *The Third Man* (DVD DRAMA THI) 104 min. 1949.
58. *Fantasia* (DVD FAMILY FAN) 125 min. 1940.
59. *Rebel Without a Cause* (DVD DRAMA REB) 111 min. 1955.
60. *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark* (DVD ACTION IND) 115 min. 1981.
61. *Vertigo* (DVD DRAMA VER) 128 min. 1958.
62. *Tootsie* (DVD COMEDY TOO) 116 min. 1982.
63. *Stagecoach* (DVD ACTION STA) 97 min. 1939.
64. *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (DVD SCI-FI CLO) 137 min. 1977.



65. *The Silence of the Lambs* (DVD DRAMA SIL) 118 min. 1991.
66. *Network* (DVD DRAMA NET) 121 min. 1976.
67. *The Manchurian Candidate* (DVD DRAMA MAN) 129 min. 1962.
68. *An American in Paris* (DVD MUSICAL AME) 114 min. 1951.
69. *Shane* (DVD ACTION SHA) 117 min. 1953.
70. *The French Connection* (DVD ACTION FRE) 104 min. 1971.
71. *Forrest Gump* (DVD COMEDY FOR) 141 min. 1994.
72. *Ben-Hur* (DVD DRAMA BEN) 212 min. 1959.
73. *Wuthering Heights* (DVD DRAMA WUT) 107 min. 1939.
74. *The Gold Rush* (DVD COMEDY GOL) 81 min. 1925.
75. *Dances with Wolves* (DVD DRAMA DAN) 181 min. 1990.
76. *City Lights* (DVD COMEDY CIT) 87 min. 1931.
77. *American Graffiti* (DVD COMEDY AME) 112 min. 1973.
78. *Rocky* (DVD DRAMA ROC) 119 min. 1976.
79. *The Deer Hunter* (DVD DRAMA DEE) 183 min. 1978.
80. *The Wild Bunch* (DVD ACTION WIL) 145 min. 1969.
81. *Modern Times* (DVD COMEDY MOD) 87 min. 1936.
82. *Giant* (DVD DRAMA GIA) 210 min. 1956.
83. *Platoon* (DVD ACTION PLA) 120 min. 1986.
84. *Fargo* (DVD DRAMA FAR) 98 min. 1996.
85. *Duck Soup* (DVD COMEDY DUC) 69 min. 1933.
86. *Mutiny on the Bounty* (DVD ACTION MUT) 133 min. 1935.
87. *Frankenstein* (DVD SCI-FI FRA) 71 min. 1931.
88. *Easy Rider* (DVD DRAMA EAS) 95 min. 1969.
89. *Patton* (DVD DRAMA PAT) 171 min. 1970.
90. *The Jazz Singer* (DVD MUSICAL JAZ) 89 min. 1927.
91. *My Fair Lady* (DVD MUSICAL MY) 173 min. 1964.
92. *A Place in the Sun* (DVD DRAMA PLA) 121 min. 1951.
93. *The Apartment* (DVD COMEDY APA) 125 min. 1960.
94. *Goodfellas* (DVD DRAMA GOO) 146 min. 1990.
95. *Pulp Fiction* (DVD ACTION PUL) 154 min. 1994.
96. *The Searchers* (DVD ACTION SEA) 119 min. 1956.
97. *Bringing Up Baby* (DVD COMEDY BRI) 102 min. 1938.
98. *Unforgiven* (DVD ACTION UNF) 127 min. 1992.
99. *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* (DVD DRAMA GUE) 108 min. 1967.
100. *Yankee Doodle Dandy* (DVD MUSICAL YAN) 126 min. 1942.

