

10 Must-See 'Best Picture' Oscar Winners
An Academy Awards Retrospective

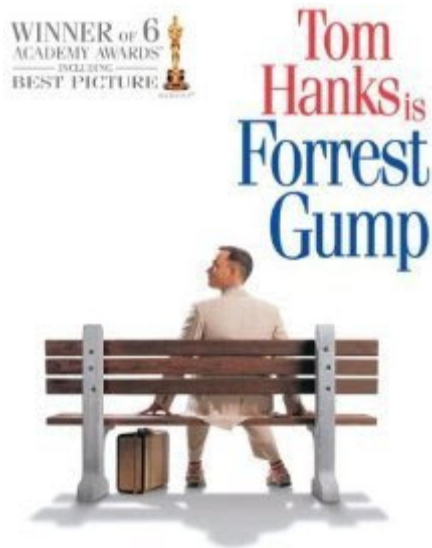
Are you ready for the Oscars? If it's too cold out to race to the movie theater for some last-minute cramming, we recommend ordering in one of these classic flicks...



1. **[It Happened One Night](#)**. Download this film and it might happen every night. Director Frank Capra put romantic comedies on the map and shaped American cinema with this classic. Clooney, Pitt, Gosling... take notes. [Clark Gable](#) is the O.G.
2. **[From Here to Eternity](#)**. If you ever wondered where that famous beach make-out scene originated, this is it. You know, [this](#) one. And believe it or not, Frank Sinatra won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor; in fact, this film swept the Oscars of 1953.
3. **[The Godfather](#)**. This is, well, "the Godfather" of mafia movies, and one of the most deftly crafted films in American history. Rumor has it, [this scene](#), [references the film above](#). If you are short on time, do not ask a film geek why this movie is important. Just know that, "In Sicily, women are more dangerous than shotguns."
4. **[Annie Hall](#)**. Arguably Woody Allen's best film. This movie made [neurosis](#) cool. Are they cool? We don't know. Sometimes we wonder what is cool. We're not morose or anything, we just don't see the point in cool...

5. **[Rocky](#)**. Is [the song](#) playing in your head right now? Yeah, us too. Rocky Balboa is America's favorite underdog champion. Did you know that Sylvester Stallone wrote the screenplay? And it's good! Watch the movie, [run some stairs](#), and know that anything is possible (in Hollywood).

6. **[Amadeus](#)**. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's story lends itself perfectly for cinema. Inspiration, tragedy, and a built-in [soundtrack](#), all in perfect harmony. Mozart is one of the most famous musicians of all time. However, the protagonist for this film is someone all but forgotten.



7. **[Forrest Gump](#)**. [Runnnnnn](#).... to see this movie. [Life is like a box of chocolates](#), but with this movie, you know what you're gonna get: genius. A perfect balance of comedy, drama, love, and wisdom. The [historical highlights](#) are incredibly clever and the dialogue will keep you quoting for days.

8. **[Braveheart](#)**. Is all fair in love and war? There was plenty of love and war in thirteenth century Scotland, but not a lot of fair. This film depicts the epic story of a man leading his country as they fought for freedom. I mean, who wouldn't follow Mel Gibson into battle after [this](#)?

9. **[Shakespeare in Love](#)**. History is written by the winners... and the writers. This film weaves fact and fiction so well, you will question which is what. A witty love story full of [cheeky nods to Hollywood](#), this is the epitome of an Oscar movie.

10. **[American Beauty](#)**. Things aren't always what they seem. Peeling away the American suburban facade reveals some ugly truths behind the white picket fences. Ultimately, however, it's the beautiful truths that save us—this is a stunning cinematic piece.

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