

PICK A MOVIE, ANY MOVIE

AFI offers an easy list of great films.

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It's Friday night and the popcorn is ready. Then, you waste hours on the couch channel surfing to find the right movie to watch. I have found myself in this dilemma multiple times, but no need to fret anymore. When you are in this situation, I have the solution.

As part of its 100-year anniversary, the American Film Institute (AFI) created a list of the "100 Greatest Movies of all Time". The AFI members describe the organization as "Established in 1967, the American Film Institute is the nation's nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and inspiring artists and audiences through initiatives that champion the past, present and future of the moving image." The institute also hosts film festivals and workshops plus the organization's Conservancy offers a MFA degree in multiple filmmaking disciplines.

To come up with this small list of just 100 movies from all the films ever created, members polled 1,500 of the industry's best screen writers, directors, actors, producers, cinematographers, editors, executives, film historians and film critics. From the minds of these influential industry leaders, a list of 400 movies was created. The AFI selected the top 100 out of that list.

Most of the 100 films are older, from the mid to late 1900s but every genre of movie is included from hardcore action to hilarious comedies. Many of the older films are the backbone of modern cinema. Directors were able to experiment with new technology and some of the innovative ideas are still used in film making today. Not all the movies are American films, so the list shows the transformation of cinematic history across the century and across the world.

If you are ever looking for a movie again, pop some popcorn, get comfy and take a look at AFI's list of 100 movies and pick one you think looks interesting. There is no wrong choice with so many cinematic masterpieces, so do not be afraid to pick at random.

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