

“Reading” List

Here’s a list of films we love and / or recommend you should watch for your film education journey! How many can you tick off?

COMEDY

- The Philadelphia Story (1941, Cukor)
- Shaun of the Dead (2004, Wright)
- Dr. Strangelove (1964, Kubrick)
- This Is Spinal Tap (1984, Reiner)
- Some Like It Hot (1959, Wilder)
- The Big Lebowski (1998, Coen Brothers)
- Best in Show* (2000, Guest)
- Superbad (2007, Mottola)
- Withnail & I* (1987, Robinson)
- Office Space (1999, Judge)
- Mean Girls (2004, Waters)
- The Grand Budapest Hotel (2014, Anderson)
- Palm Springs* (2020, Barbakow)
- In the Loop (2009, Iannucci)

THRILLER

- The Night of the Hunter* (1955, Laughton)
- Goodfellas* (1990, Scorsese)
- Rear Window (1954, Hitchcock)
- Heat (1995, Mann)
- Zodiac (2007, Fincher)
- Prisoners (2013, Villeneuve)
- Jaws (1975, Spielberg)
- Vertigo (1958, Hitchcock)
- One Battle After Another* (2025, Anderson)
- Blue Velvet (Lynch)
- Strangers on a Train (1951, Hitchcock)
- No Country for Old Men (2007, Coen Brothers)
- Children of Men (2006, Cuarón)

OTHER (foreign/avant-garde)

- Wings of Desire (1987, Wenders)
- Run Lola Run (1998, Tykwer)
- Amélie (2001, Jeunet)
- In the Mood for Love (2000, Kar-wai)
- The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari (1920, Wiene)
- Un Chien Andalou (1929, Buñuel & Dalí)
- Aguirre, the Wrath of God (1972, Herzog)



DRAMA

- Citizen Kane (1941, Welles)
- 12 Angry Men (1957, Lumet)
- The Godfather (1972, Coppola)
- Taxi Driver (1976, Scorsese)
- Raging Bull (1980, Scorsese)
- Schindler's List (1993, Spielberg)
- American Beauty (1999, Mendes)
- There Will Be Blood (2007, Anderson)
- Moonlight (2016, Jenkins)
- Parasite (2019, Joon-ho)
- To Kill a Mockingbird (1962, Mulligan)
- Brief Encounter (1945, Lean)
- Aftersun (2022, Wells)
- The Social Network (2010, Fincher)
- Spotlight (2015, McCarthy)
- It's a Wonderful Life (1946, Capra)

'CLASSICS'

- Metropolis (1927, Lang)
- City Lights (1931, Chaplin)
- Gone with the Wind (1939, Fleming)
- Casablanca (1942, Curtiz)
- Bicycle Thieves (1948, De Sica)
- Sunset Boulevard (1950, Wilder)
- Rashomon (1950, Kurosawa)
- Singin' in the Rain (1952, Kelly & Donen)
- 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968, Kubrick)
- Nosferatu (1922, Murnau)
- A Streetcar Named Desire (1951, Kazan)

HORROR

- Night of the Living Dead (1968, Romero)
- Psycho (1960, Hitchcock)
- The Exorcist (1973, Friedkin)
- The Shining (1980, Kubrick)
- The Thing (1982, Carpenter)
- The Silence of the Lambs (1991, Demme)
- Get Out (2017, Peele)
- Midsommar (2018, Aster)
- The Witch (2015, Eggers)
- Rosemary's Baby (1968, Polanski)
- Suspiria (1977, Argento)
- It Follows (2014, Mitchell)
- 28 Days Later (2002, Boyle)
- Alien (1979, Scott)

