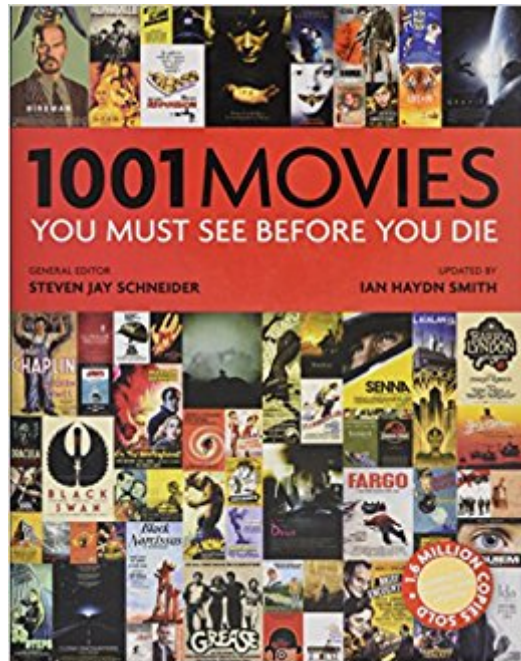


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# 1001 Movies You Must See Before You Die



## Synopsis

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One might ask, why bother buying this book, there is much information available for free on IMDb. This is exactly what I was thinking...until I stumbled upon 2008's edition of '1001 movies'. I instantly decided to buy a latest edition, I was lucky, 2015 version was released only a couple of weeks ago. Every page in this book is about a masterpiece in the history of film, I was surprised to find here so many of my favorite movies, not only classic and modern American ones, but also European and Asian. You will not get to read here about movies like 'The Equalizer' or 'Fury', while they are good, they did not exactly make a difference in the history of their genres. But you most certainly, will get 'Reservoir Dogs', 'Star Wars V', 'Casablanca' as well as Polish 'Decalogue', Russian 'Leviathan' and Korean 'Oldboy'. Many movies are accompanied by photos, details about the film and a professional review. It's just so nice to have this book, the quality of paper is also really good. As you may expect, not all your favorite movies will be listed here. I was surprised that 'Kill Bill' was not there, I saw it in 2008 edition, but apparently, they removed it in 2015 in favor of 'Django Unchained'. One of the most beautiful movies that I saw - Kim Ki-duk's 'Spring, Summer, Fall,

Winter... and Spring' was not there either. 'Dawn of the planet of the Apes' is another one...I am sure there are others, too, but it shouldn't really influence your decision to buy. It's a must-have book for every movie fan, over 100 years of amazing movies is just one click away.

Like others have pointed out here, this is a thorough and beautiful introduction to movies throughout history that you should consider seeing. I'm not a film expert or connoisseur - just someone who enjoys a whole gamut of movies, from new and old, domestic and international. I am so pleased that this book gives a fair treatment to older movies and a healthy inclusion of significant foreign movies. Some of the movies I don't think are the greatest, but who agrees with everything? I do see why those movies are included, though, either because others think they are great movies or because they had some noteworthy contribution to the development of cinema. But in addition to the list of movies chosen (if you just want a list of the movies, google it - you will find it) the authors give wonderful descriptions of and trivia for the movies. And it's a aesthetically well-presented book. Some reviewers have expressed disappointment that this book includes so many older and foreign movies. If you are only interested in modern American movies then maybe this is not the list for you, although many of us would feel sorry for you :). It's a shame you would pan the book for this, because it is up front in the description what its intentions are. I took the liberty of totaling the number of movies by decade (according to a recent edition), and you will see that it does give a broad selection, but by no means weighted on the older end.

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Ridiculous. They leave out "Best Picture" movies for obscure foreign movies or "artsy" movies that are downright weird. For example, in 1966 they DO NOT mention "A Man for All Seasons", winner of Best Picture, starring Paul Scofield, Orson Welles, Robert Shaw and Susannah York, all giving terrific performances, a 5-star movie for sure. Instead, these are some of the movies they say are "Must-See" movies from 1966: "Hold Me While I'm Naked", "Blowup", "Sedmikrasy" aka "Daisies", "Da Zui Xia" aka "Come Drink With Me", "Seconds", "Persona", "Au hazard Balhazar" and "Masculin, feminine". On the positive side: It's a nice, thick, hard-back book, smaller than you may imagine (about 6.5 x 8.5 inches) that goes chronologically from early 1900s to 2014.

I bought the initial 2003 edition & was very impressed with the content, as well as, the beautiful, full page stills. I missed the 2005/2008/2011/2013 updates, so I thought I would try the 2015 to see what was new. The first improvement I noticed were the colored year tabs like a dictionary. I also

liked the little sidebar blurbs on the films that consist of snippets by reviewers, actors' comments & trivia. The movie posters exclusive to this edition are a welcome addition. They substitute for some of the smaller images, but they aren't always better. I realize something has to be sacrificed for new material, but I miss some of those full page shots in my original edition. But, in the end, this is an exquisite book that I could not be without. I may even purchase some of the in-between editions to discover how they differ. FYI, it actually contains over 1150 films as opposed to 1001. The outer cover is a little cheap & wears easily starting with the corners. But that's a minor complaint. Mr. Schneider has done an admirable job. There is nothing else out there like it. It's not just a mindless, coffee table book. It is a well written work that truly is one-of-a-kind.

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