

Cult Movies

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Cult films, fan favorites, midnight movies; whatever you call them, this is your guide to the cult favorites in the Cudahy Family Library collection.

Filmsite.org describes them this way, "Cult Films have limited but very special appeal. Cult films are usually strange, quirky, offbeat, eccentric, oddball, or surreal, with outrageous, weird, unique and cartoony characters or plots, and garish sets. They are often considered controversial because they step outside standard narrative and technical conventions. They can be very stylized, and they are often flawed or unusual in some striking way."

The one thing they have in common is the buzz generated by movie fans who can't get enough of these films.

Early Great Cult Films

(Pre-1960)

An Affair to Remember (VHS)

All About Eve (VHS)

Beat the Devil (DVD/VHS)

Bedtime for Bonzo (VHS)

The Black Cat (VHS)

Casablanca (DVD/VHS)

Citizen Kane (VHS)

Detour (DVD)

Duck Soup (VHS)

Fantasia (VHS)

Forbidden Planet (VHS)

Force of Evil (VHS)

42nd Street (VHS)

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (VHS)

Godzilla, King of the Monsters (VHS)

His Girl Friday (DVD/VHS)

Imitation of Life (VHS)

In a Lonely Place (VHS)

It's a Wonderful Life (VHS)

Johnny Guitar (VHS)

King Kong - 1933 (VHS)

Kiss Me Deadly (VHS)

Lady in the Lake (VHS)

Laura (VHS)

The Maltese Falcon (DVD/VHS)

Man of the West (VHS)

Miracle on 34th Street (VHS)

The Most Dangerous Game (VHS)

My Darling Clementine (VHS)

The Night of the Hunter (VHS)

Nosferatu (DVD)

Now, Voyager (VHS)

The Quiet Man (DVD/VHS)

Rebel Without a Cause (VHS)

The Red Shoes (VHS)

Rio Bravo (VHS)

Rope (VHS)

Salt of the Earth (VHS)

Singin' in the Rain (VHS)

Some Like It Hot (VHS)

Sons of the Desert (DVD)

A Star is Born (VHS)

Sullivan's Travels (VHS)

Sunset Boulevard (VHS)

Sylvia Scarlett (VHS)

The Tall T (VHS)

Top Hat (VHS)

Vertigo (VHS)

White Heat (VHS)

The Wizard of Oz (DVD)

Wuthering Heights (VHS)

Modern Cult Films (1960 – today)

2001: A Space Odyssey (DVD/VHS) Airplane! (VHS) Altered States (VHS) American Graffiti (VHS) An American Werewolf in London (VHS) And Now for Something Completely Different (VHS) Animal House (DVD/VHS) Annie Hall (VHS) Apocalypse Now (DVD/VHS) Assault on Precinct 13 (DVD) Bagdad Café (VHS) **Better Off Dead (VHS)** The Big Lebowski (DVD/VHS) Big Trouble in Little China (DVD) Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (DVD/VHS) Billy Jack (DVD) **Black Sunday** (VHS) **Blade Runner** (VHS) **Blood Simple (VHS)** Blue Thunder (VHS) Blue Velvet (DVD) The Blues Brothers (VHS) **Body Heat** (VHS) The Clan of the Cave Bear (DVD) Clerks (VHS) A Clockwork Orange (DVD/VHS) Cutter's Way (DVD/VHS)

Dazed and Confused (VHS)

Dead Alive (VHS)

The Dead Zone (VHS)

Deliverance (DVD/VHS)

Dr. No (VHS)

Dr. Strangelove, or, How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the Bomb (DVD/VHS)

Donnie Darko (DVD)

Enter the Dragon (VHS)

The Evil Dead (VHS)

The Exorcist (VHS)

Fargo (DVD/VHS)

Fight Club (DVD)

Ghostbusters (VHS)

The Gods Must Be Crazy (VHS)

Greetings (VHS)

Groundhog Day (DVD/VHS)

Hairspray (VHS)

Halloween (VHS)

Harold and Maude (VHS)

Heathers (VHS)

House of Games (VHS)

The Hudsucker Proxy (VHS)

It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, World (DVD)

Jaws (VHS)

Joe Versus the Volcano (VHS)

The King of Comedy (VHS)

Little Shop of Horrors (VHS)

Local Hero (VHS)

The Long Goodbye (VHS)

Mad Max (DVD)

The Man With Two Brains (VHS)

The Manchurian Candidate - 1962 (DVD)

Manhunter (DVD/VHS)

Mommie Dearest (DVD)

Monty Python and the Holy Grail (VHS)

Monty Python's Life of Brian (DVD)

Monty Python's Meaning of Life (VHS)

Napoleon Dynamite (DVD)

New York, New York (VHS)

Night of the Living Dead (VHS)

The Nutty Professor - 1963 (VHS)

Office Space (VHS)

On Her Majesty's Secret Service (VHS)

One-Eyed Jacks (DVD/VHS)

The Parallax View (VHS)

Pee Wee's Big Adventure (VHS)

Picnic at Hanging Rock (VHS)

Point Blank (VHS)

Pretty Baby (DVD/VHS)

Psycho (VHS)

The Producers - 1967 (VHS)

Pulp Fiction (DVD/VHS)

Raising Arizona (VHS)

Real Genius (VHS)

Repo Man (VHS)

Requiem for a Dream (DVD/VHS)

Reservoir Dogs (DVD/VHS)

Ride the High Country (VHS)

The Road Warrior: Mad Max 2 (VHS)

Rushmore (DVD/VHS)

Scarface (VHS)

Se7en (DVD/VHS)

The Shawshank Redemption (DVD/VHS)

The Shining (DVD/VHS)

The Shooting (VHS)

Sixteen Candles (VHS)

Star Wars (DVD/VHS)

Static (VHS)

The Stunt Man (DVD/VHS)

Swingers (VHS)

Targets (VHS)

Taxi Driver (DVD/VHS)

The Terminator (VHS)

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (VHS)

This is Spinal Tap (VHS)

Three O'Clock High (VHS)

Tremors (VHS)

True Romance (DVD)

True Stories (VHS)

Used Cars (VHS)

The Usual Suspects (DVD)

Walkabout (VHS)

The Warriors (VHS)

Welcome to the Doll House (VHS)

Wild at Heart (VHS)

The Wild Bunch (VHS)

Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (DVD/VHS)

Yellow Submarine (VHS)

Cult Directors

For whatever reason, some directors are at the helm of more than one cult favorite. Often they start out directing a low budget picture that develops a cult following and then move on to more mainstream fare. Here are some directors with a loyal cult audience and a few of their films:

The Coen Brothers

The Big Lebowski (DVD/VHS)

Blood Simple (VHS)

Fargo (DVD/VHS)

The Hudsucker Proxy (VHS)

Intolerable Cruelty (DVD/VHS)

The Lady Killers (DVD/VHS)

The Man Who Wasn't There (VHS)

O Brother Where Art Thou? (DVD/VHS)

Raising Arizona (VHS)

Roger Corman

The Fall of the House of Usher – 1960 (VHS)

Frankenstein Unbound (VHS)

The Little Shop of Horrors – 1960 (VHS)

The St. Valentine's Day Massacre (VHS)

The Terror (VHS)

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Jonathan Demme

Beloved (VHS)

The Manchurian Candidate – 2004 (DVD)

Married to the Mob (VHS)

Melvin and Howard (VHS)

Philadelphia (VHS)

The Silence of the Lambs (VHS)

Something Wild (VHS)

Swing Shift (VHS)
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David Lynch:

Blue velvet (DVD)
The Elephant Man (VHS)
The Straight Story (VHS)
Twin Peaks (VHS)
Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me (VHS)
Wild at Heart (VHS)

Sam Raimi

Darkman (VHS)
The Evil Dead (VHS)
For Love of the Game (DVD/VHS)
The Gift (VHS)
The Quick and the Dead (DVD/VHS)
A Simple Plan (VHS)
Spider-Man (DVD/VHS)
Spider-Man 2 (DVD/VHS)

More Information

To learn more about these and other movies look for these books in our collection:

VideoHound's Golden Movie Retriever R791.43 V652 2007 (Ask at the reference desk)

Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 791.437 L581m 2004

Halliwell's Film Video and DVD Guide 2005 R791.43 H191 2005 (Ask at the reference desk)

The Great Movies by Roger Ebert 791.437 E16g

Or check out these film web sites:

www.allmovie.com
www.filmsite.org
www.imdb.com (The Internet Movie Database)



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