

## Trent's Favorite Movies List

### ABOUT THE LIST

Welcome to the geekiest part of my life. I started this list when I was in high school, in a Word document, and just kept adding to it over the years. In 2014, a super-organized girlfriend (now ex-girlfriend) wooed me by helping me transport everything into this Excel spreadsheet. At that point I added the categorical ranking system too, because, hey why not?....There's a lot of "serious" movies about big social issues. While those movies are important, I believe in Roger Ebert's method of rating movies - *Did the movie accomplish what it set out to accomplish?* This makes it easier to rank goofy comedies, campy horror flicks, and shallow action movie right alongside films with more meaningful social commentary. There's several movies that I just haven't gotten around to ranking, and I've added them to the end of the list for the time being. Please enjoy and let me know if you see any of your favorites!

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### CATEGORIES

#### Technical/Artistic Merit -

Did the film break original ground or set a new trend in filmmaking, popularize a style of drama, acting, directing, comedy? popularize a genre? set a new standard for visual effects? re-define an actor's career? Or is it just another example of a master filmmaker working at the top of their game? Category tends to be biased against documentaries.

#### Entertainment Value -

Hypothetically, how many times in a row could I watch this movie? Some movies are emotionally draining, and others are great escapism, or ones you pick up more details from on each viewing. Category tends to favor popcorn blockbusters, thinking movies, movies that feel like rollercoaster rides, mysteries. Category is biased against movies with difficult subject matter, slower-paced movies, or movies that lack levity/humor.

#### Personal Connction -

How much has this movie inspired me as a filmmaker or moved me as a person? This category is biased towards movies I've seen in my more formative years (you'll notice lots of visually dazzling action movies from the 90's here). I sometimes add/subtract a couple points here to counteract an extremely high or low IMDB rating.

#### Prestige Factor -

IMDB rating, because why take my word for it? Campy/horror/action movies tend to rank lower. Socially important movies tend to rank higher. This is another way to give myself an out for putting Armageddon in my top 50 (Michael Bay's action aesthetics are undeniable, fight me!)

				RATINGS				
	MOVIE TITLE	YEAR RELEASED	GENRE	TECHNICAL/ARTISTIC MERIT	ENTERTAINMENT VALUE (Re-Watchability)	PERSONAL CONNECTION	PRESTIGE FACTOR	TOTAL SCORE
				<small>directing, cinematography, acting, screenplay, Editing, music</small>	<small>hypothetically, how many times in a row could I watch this movie</small>	<small>how much it inspired me as a filmmaker, or moved me as a person</small>	<small>average rating from thousands of imdb.com users</small>	
				(1-10)	(1-10)	(10-20)	(1-10)	(50)
1	Fight Club	1999	Action-Thriller-Satire	11	10	21	8.8	50.8
2	Braveheart	1995	Historical Epic	11	10	21	8.4	50.4
3	The Big Lebowski	1998	Comedy	11	10	19	8.2	48.2

4	The Matrix	1999	Action-Adventure-Sci-Fi		11	9	19	8.7	47.7
5	City of God	2002	Historical Action Drama		10	9	19	8.6	46.6
6	A Clockwork Orange	1971	Thriller-Satire		11	9	19	8.3	47.3
7	Jurassic Park	1993	Action Sci Fi		11	10	18	8.1	47.1
8	Forrest Gump	1994	Comedy-Drama		10	10	18	8.8	46.8
9	The Rock	1996	Action		9	10	20	7.4	46.4
10	Aliens	1986	Action-Scifi		10	9	19	8.4	46.4
11	Good Will Hunting	1997	Drama		9	10	19	8.3	46.3
12	The Thing (1981)	1982	Horror-Scifi		10	9	19	8.1	46.1
13	Boogie Nights	1997	Drama		10	9	19	7.9	45.9
14	American Movie	1999	Documentary		7	9	22	7.9	45.9
15	Schindler's List	1993	Historical Epic		11	7	19	8.9	45.9
16	Se7en	1995	Thriller		9	8	20	8.6	45.6
17	The Shawshank Redemption	1994	Drama		9	9	18	9.3	45.3
18	Heat	1995	Crime Drama		9	9	19	8.2	45.2
19	Anchorman	2004	Comedy		10	10	17	8.1	45.1
20	Close Encounters of the Third Kind	1977	Sci Fi		10	8	19	7.7	44.7
21	Inception	2010	Action-Adventure-Sci-Fi		10	9	17	8.8	44.8
22	Old School	2003	Comedy		10	9	18	7.8	44.8
23	Saving Private Ryan	1998	War Drama		10	8	19	7.6	44.6
24	The Royal Tenenbaums	2001	Comedy-Drama		9	9	19	7.6	44.6
25	Pulp Fiction	1994	Crime Drama		10	9	17	8.6	44.6
26	American Psycho	2000	Thriller-Satire		10	9	18	7.6	44.6
27	Rocky	1976	Sports Drama		9	8	19	8.4	44.4
28	Jerry Maguire	1996	Drama		9	9	19	7.3	44.3
29	Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade	1989	Action-Adventure		8	10	18	8.3	44.3
30	2001: A Space Odyssey	1968	Sci Fi		10	8	18	8.3	44.3
31	The Hangover	2009	Comedy		10	10	17	7.3	44.3
32	Ratatouille	2007	Animation		10	8	18	8	44
33	Predator	1987	Action Thriller		10	8	18	7.9	43.9
34	The Dark Knight	2008	Action-Fantasy		9	9	17	8.9	43.9
35	Speed	1994	Action		10	8	17	8.8	43.8
36	Armageddon	1998	Action Sci Fi		7	10	20	6.7	43.7
37	Apollo 13	1995	Historical Action Drama		9	8	19	7.6	43.6
38	Warrior	2011	Sports Drama		9	9	17	8.6	43.6
39	Batman (1989)	1989	Action-Fantasy		9	9	18	7.6	43.6
40	Sling Blade	1996	Drama		10	7	18	8.5	43.5
41	Pi	1998	Thriller		9	7	20	7.5	43.5
42	Goodfellas	1990	Crime Drama		9	8	18	8.4	43.4
43	Dances with Wolves	1990	Historical Epic		9	7	19	8.3	43.3
44	Mulholland Drive	2001	Thriller		10	8	18	7.3	43.3
45	Sexy Beast	2000	Crime Drama		8	10	18	7.3	43.3
46	The Fly	1986	Horror Sci Fi		9	9	18	7.2	43.2
47	Abacus: Small Enough to Jail	2016	Documentary		9	8	19	7.2	43.2
48	Three Kings	1999	Action-Adventure		8	9	19	7.2	43.2
49	The Ring	2002	Horror		9	9	18	7.1	43.1
50	Shutter Island	2010	Horror-Thriller		9	9	17	8.1	43.1
51	The Graduate	1967	Comedy-Drama-Romance		9	7	19	8.1	43.1
52	Point Break	1991	Action-Drama		9	9	18	7.1	43.1
53	Green Room	2015	Thriller		9	9	18	7	43

54	The Professional	1994	Action-Drama		9	7	19	8	43
55	Borat	2006	Comedy-Mockumentary		10	8	17	7.9	42.9
56	The Fighter	2010	Drama		9	9	17	7.9	42.9
57	Crimson Tide	1995	Action-Drama		9	9	18	6.9	42.9
58	Clerks.	1994	Comedy		7	8	20	7.9	42.9
59	The U	2009	Documentary-Sports		9	8	18	7.9	42.9
60	The Departed	2006	Crime Drama		10	8	17	7.8	42.8
61	The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (Fincher version)	2011	Thriller		9	9	17	7.8	42.8
62	The Usual Suspects	1995	Crime Thriller		9	9	16	8.7	42.7
63	Memento	2000	Thriller		10	8	16	8.7	42.7
64	Blood Simple	1984	Thriller		9	8	18	7.7	42.7
65	The Silence of the Lambs	1991	Horror Thriller		9	8	17	8.6	42.6
66	The Beach	2000	Adventure-Drama-Romance		8	9	19	6.6	42.6
67	The Defiant Ones	2017	Documentary		8	8	18	8.6	42.6
68	Interstellar	2014	Sci-Fi		10	9	15	8.6	42.6
69	Jaws	1975	Action-Adventure		9	8	17	8.5	42.5
70	Alien	1979	Horror Sci Fi		9	8	17	8.5	42.5
71	The Two Escobars	2010	Documentary-Sports-Crime		9	8	17	8.5	42.5
72	Rudy	1993	Sports Drama		8	9	18	7.5	42.5
73	Gladiator	2000	Historical Epic		9	8	17	8.5	42.5
74	Terminator 2: Judgement Day	1991	Action Sci Fi		10	8	16	8.5	42.5
75	Fargo	1996	Drama-Thriller-Comedy		8	8	19	7.5	42.5
76	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	2004	Drama-Romance-Sci-Fi		10	7	17	8.4	42.4
77	Requiem for a Dream	2000	Drama-Horror		9	7	18	8.4	42.4
78	Cliffhanger	1993	Action		8	9	19	6.3	42.3
79	Inglorious Basterds	2009	Historical Fantasy Adventure		9	9	16	8.3	42.3
80	Die Hard	1988	Action		9	8	16	8.3	41.3
81	The Talented Mr. Ripley	1999	Thriller		9	8	18	7.3	42.3
82	From Dusk Till Dawn	1996	Horror-Action-Thriller		8	9	18	7.3	42.3
83	The Descent	2005	Horror		8	7	19	8.2	42.2
84	No Country for Old Men	2007	Crime-Drama-Thriller		9	8	17	8.2	42.2
85	There Will Be Blood	2007			9	7	18	8.1	42.1
86	Magnolia	1999	Drama		8	7	19	8	42
87	Edward Scissorhands	1990	Drama-Fantasy-Romance		8	8	18	8	42
88	Arrival	2016	SciFi-Thriller		9	8	17	7.9	41.9
89	Drive	2011			9	8	17	7.9	41.9
90	Meet the Parents	2000			9	8	16	8.7	41.7
91	Eastern Promises	2007	Crime-Mystery-Thriller		9	8	17	7.7	41.7
92	Hugo	2011			9	8	17	7.6	41.6
93	Raiders of the Lost Ark	1981	Action-Adventure		9	9	15	8.6	41.6
94	The Time Machine (1968)	1960	Adventure-Fantasy-Romance		9	7	18	7.6	41.6
95	The Insider	1999	Drama		8	8	18	7.6	41.6
96	American Splendor	2003	Drama-Mockumentary		9	7	18	7.5	41.5
97	Taxi Driver	1976			9	6	17	8.4	40.4
98	Cube	1997	Sci-Fi		8	7	19	7.4	41.4
99	E.T.: The Extraterrestrial	1982			8	9	17	7.3	41.3
100	The Thin Red Line	1998			9	8	17	7.3	41.3
101	Beasts of the Southern Wild	2012			10	8	16	7.3	41.3
102	Her	2013	Drama-Romance-Sci-Fi		8	7	18	8.3	41.3
103	This is the End	2010			8	8	17	8.2	41.2

104	Insomnia	2002			8	8	18	7.2	41.2
105	The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters	2007	Documentary		8	8	17	8.2	41.2
106	American Beauty	1999	Drama-Comedy-Satire		9	7	18	7.1	41.1
107	Home Alone	1990			8	8	17	8.1	41.1
108	Monster's Ball	2001			9	7	17	8.1	41.1
109	The Wolf of Wall Street	2013	Crime Drama		9	9	15	8.1	41.1
110	The Untouchables	1987			8	8	17	8	41
111	The Truman Show	1998			8	8	17	8	41
112	Elf	2003			8	9	17	6.9	40.9
113	The King's Speech	2010			8	8	17	7.8	40.8
114	As Good As It Gets	1997			9	8	16	7.8	40.8
115	Training Day	2001			8	9	16	7.7	40.7
116	Titanic	1997	Action-Drama-Romance		10	8	15	7.7	40.7
117	28 Days Later	2002			8	8	17	7.7	40.7
118	127 Hours	2010			8	8	17	7.7	40.7
119	Collateral	2004	Crime-Drama-Thriller		7	8	18	7.6	40.6
120	Django Unchained	2012			8	8	16	8.5	40.5
121	3:10 to Yuma	2007			8	8	17	7.4	40.4
122	Reservoir Dogs	1992			8	8	16	8.4	40.4
123	Gleason	2016	Documentary-Sports		6	6	20	8.4	40.4
124	Monty Python and the Holy Grail	1975	Adventure-Comedy-Fantasy		9	8	15	8.4	40.4
125	Identity	2003			8	8	17	7.3	40.3
126	Rain Man	1988	Drama		8	9	16	7.3	40.3
127	Flight	2012			9	8	16	7.2	40.2
128	Trainspotting	1996	Crime-Drama		7	8	17	8.2	40.2
129	Knocked Up	2007			8	9	16	7.1	40.1
130	Silver Linings Playbook	2012			8	6	18	8.1	40.1
131	The Shining	1980			9	7	15	9	40
132	This is Spinal Tap	1984	Comedy-Music		8	8	16	8	40
133	The Pineapple Express	2008			7	9	17	7	40
134	Oldboy	2003			9	7	16	7.9	39.9
135	Garden State	2004	Comedy-Drama-Romance		7	7	18	7.7	39.7
136	Sideways	2004	Comedy-Drama-Romance		8	7	17	7.6	39.6
137	Austin Powers Trilogy				9	7	17	6.6	39.6
138	Swingers	1996			6	8	18	7.5	39.5
139	Child's Play	1988	Horror-Thriller		7	8	18	6.5	39.5
140	Full Metal Jacket	1987	Drama-War		9	7	15	8.4	39.4
141	Up	2009	Animation-Adventure-Drama		8	7	16	8.3	39.3
142	Raging Bull	1980	Biography-Drama-Sport		9	6	16	8.3	39.3
143	The Sixth Sense	1999	Drama-Mystery-Thriller		8	7	16	8.2	39.2
144	Enemy of the State	1998			8	8	15	8.1	39.1
145	Erin Brockovich	2000			8	8	16	7	39
146	True Romance	1993			6	8	17	8	39
147	Run Lola Run	1998			9	6	16	8	39
148	Con Air	1997			8	8	15	7.9	38.9
149	I don't Feel at Home in This World Anymore	2017	Comedy-Thriller-Drama-Crime		7	7	18	6.9	38.9
150	Gattaca	1997			7	7	17	7.8	38.8
151	The Fan	1996	Drama-Sport-Thriller		7	9	17	5.8	38.8
152	Superbad	2007	Comedy		8	8	15	7.7	38.7
153	A Simple Plan	1998	Thriller		9	7	14	8.6	38.6

154	Prisoners	2013	Thriller		8	6	17	7.6	38.6
155	Zoolander	2001			8	8	16	6.6	38.6
156	The Abyss	1989	Adventure-Drama-Sci-Fi		9	7	15	7.6	38.6
157	Clerks 2	2006			7	7	17	7.5	38.5
158	Gangs of New York	2002			8	8	15	7.5	38.5
159	Pearl Jam Twenty		Documentary		7	7	16	8.3	38.3
160	The Deer Hunter	1978	Drama-War		8	6	16	8.2	38.2
161	The Wrestler	2008			8	6	16	8	38
162	Cocaine Cowboys	2006			9	2	18	8.9	37.9
163	Taken	2008			8	7	15	7.9	37.9
164	Walk the Line	2005	Biography-Drama-Music		7	8	15	7.9	37.9
165	Enemy	2013	Thriller		9	8	14	6.9	37.9
166	Crash	2004	Drama		8	7	15	7.9	37.9
167	Independence Day	1996			7	7	17	6.9	37.9
168	Deliverance	1972			8	6	16	7.8	37.8
169	Drag Me to Hell	2009			7	8	16	6.7	37.7
170	End of Watch	2012	Crime-Drama-Thriller		7	8	15	7.7	37.7
171	Ransom	1996	Crime-Thriller		7	7	17	6.6	37.6
172	The Pianist	2002	Biography-Drama-War		9	5	15	8.5	37.5
173	The Lost World: Jurassic Park	1997	Action-Adventure-Sci-Fi		7	8	16	6.4	37.4
174	Monster	2003			8	7	15	7.3	37.3
175	Punch-Drunk Love	2002	Comedy-Drama-Romance		8	7	15	7.3	37.3
176	The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward	2007			9	8	12	8.1	37.1
177	Evil Dead 2	1987			7	7	15	7.9	36.9
178	The Social Network	2010	Biography-Drama		8	6	15	7.8	36.8
179	Changing Lanes	2002	Drama-Thriller		7	7	16	6.5	36.5
180	Anaconda	1997	Adventure-Thriller		7	9	16	4.5	36.5
181	Funny People	2009	Comedy-Drama		6	6	18	6.4	36.4
182	Winged Migration	2001			10	5	14	7.3	36.3
183	The Perfect Storm	2000	Action-Adventure-Drama		7	7	16	6.3	36.3
184	Gran Torino	2008			6	7	15	8.2	36.2
185	Godfather 1	1972	Crime-Drama		9	6	12	9.2	36.2
186	Godfather 2	1974	Crime-Drama		9	6	12	9.1	36.1
187	Transsiberian	2008			7	7	15	6.7	35.7
188	The Other Guys	2010			6	8	15	6.6	35.6
189	Below	2002	Horror-Mystery-Thriller		7	7	15	6.2	35.2
	Black Hawk Down	2001	Drama-History-War		8	7	12	7.7	34.7
	Match Point	2005	Crime-Drama-Thriller		7	7	12	7.7	33.7
	Traffic	2000	Crime-Drama-Thriller		8	6	12	7.7	33.7
190	2012 (purely for the escape from LA scene)	2009	Action-Adventure-Sci-Fi		7	6	12	5.8	30.8
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192	UNRANKED MOVIES								
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194	The Equalizer	2014	Crime-Thriller						
195	Raising Arizona	1987	Comedy-Crime					7.5	7.5
196	Menace II Society	1993	Crime-Drama		X			7.5	7.5
197	The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (1974)	1974	Horror					7.5	7.5
198	Notes on a Scandal	2006	Drama-Thriller		X			7.5	7.5
199	Poltergeist	1982	Horror					7.4	7.4
200	Layer Cake	2004	Crime-Drama-Thriller					7.4	7.4



Munich								0
Road to Perdition								0
25th Hour								0
The Great Gatsby								0
Breaking Bad: Season 4								0
Stranger Things: Season 1								
Seinfeld: Season ?								
Assault on Precinct 13								
The Last House on the Left								
Pirhana 3D								
High Tension								
Halloween	1976							
Hereditary				10	8		18	
Paranormal Activity				9	6			
Quarantine				9				
Open Water							18	
V/H/S				9				
Step Brothers				9	9		18	
The Green Mile								
The Mist								
The Hole	2009							
Gremlins	1984							
Texas Chainsaw Massacre 4				1				
The Room				1				
Texas Chainsaw Massacre	2003			7	7		18	
Birth								
Ghost								
Cast Away								
The Game								
The Good Son								
United 93								
Platoon				6	6		18	
Eyes Wide Shut				10	6		18	
Amelie								
Brokeback Mountain								
Lost in Translation								
Deepwater Horizon								
Lone Survivor				9	7		17	
The Founder								
Mothman Prophecies								
Arlington Road								
Lion								
American Sniper								
The Gift								
Sicario								
13 Hours								
The Big Short								
Night Crawler								
Donnie Darko								
End of Watch								

