

5 movies you should've seen by now

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2004 generated some of the most critically acclaimed blockbusters cult classics of our generation. It gave us instant classics and changed the game for independent films and niche genres, bringing alternative comedies, actions, and dramas to the forefront.

This year marks the 10 year anniversary of these movies, making it a good time to remind everyone the importance of these films.

It is this writer's opinion that the following films are a mandatory watch for film students and college students in general.

1. Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Creative dynamos Michel Gondry and Charlie Kaufman pair up to tell a love story so engrossing and intricate that it's almost necessary to watch it twice. The story, told creatively in reverse, follows Joel (a somber Jim Carrey) through a post break-up medical procedure to erase his memories of ex-girlfriend Clementine (Kate Winslet). Carrey and Winslet blend palatable comedy and sweet, genuine drama to create two misfit characters you can't help but root for.

2. I Heart Huckabees

Jason Schwartzman nails his best lead role since "Rushmore" in this perfect comedic story of a young man's existential crisis. Lily Tomlin and Dustin Hoffman pair up as existential detectives to solve the cases of a young environmentalist (Schwartzman), a post-9/11 fireman (Mark Wahlberg), a sexy spokeswoman (Naomi Watts), and a savvy corporate climber (Jude Law). Everything from the costume design, the amazing cast, to the spot-on script by Jeff Baena and David O. Russell make this film one of the best alternative comedies of all time.

3. The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou

Any fan of auteur director Wes Anderson knows that his dry, stylized take on comedy is one of a kind. "The Life Aquatic" is no exception to that standard. It takes place on a Cousteau-esque expedition lead by Steve Zissou (Bill Murray) to find the fabled Jaguar Shark. Pregnant reporter (Cate Blanchett) and a crew including Willem Dafoe, Anjelica Huston and Owen Wilson follow Zissou to the depths of the sea and beyond, soundtracked by beautiful Portuguese covers of David

Bowie songs sung by Seu Jorge.

4. Man on Fire

"Man on Fire" is a gritty masterpiece about a young girl (Dakota Fanning) and Creasy (Denzel Washington) a former assassin hired by her parents to protect her from the dangers of Mexico City. The action, suspense, and cringe-worthy violence provides a backdrop for a script that is at heart about love, friendship, and vengeance. Tony Scott's stylized direction and Brian Helgeland's brilliant adaptation create an action movie about more than superficial explosions and car chases.

5. Shaun Of the Dead

Following "Dawn of the Dead", which had been released the same year, Simon Pegg, Edgar Wright, and Nick Frost struck gold with a smart parody about two friends clumsily surviving a zombie apocalypse. The relatively low production budget of \$6 million stretched well across the shoulders of a top notch script and an amazing cast. The movie's successes led to a continuation of this partnership in later films "Hot Fuzz" (2007) and "The World's End" (2013).

Get to know the code

Here at The Clackamas Print, we love being able to help any bro or bro-dette with their everyday "bro-tastic" problems.

BRO CODE

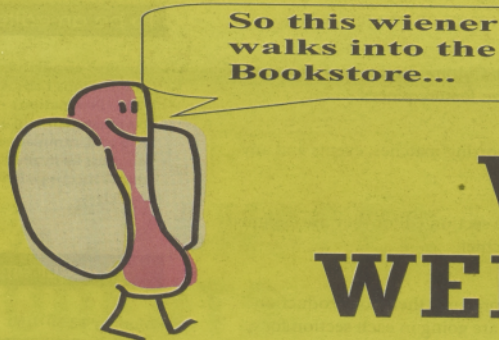
1. Always alert a fellow bro of a nearby hottie.
2. Never one-up/show up a bro in front of his girlfriend/potential girlfriend.
3. Warn a bro if he is getting at a girl who is taken.
4. In the bathroom, always use the urinal furthest from another bro.
5. Do not share a drink with a bro. If you absolutely have to, at least use separate straws.
6. Be a gentleman: open doors for people, say 'please' and 'thank you' and 'excuse me.'
7. Always have your bro's back, in any situation. Don't wimp out.
8. An inebriated bro is your responsibility. Don't let him do anything stupid.
9. If you get a girlfriend, don't become a totally different person and abandon your friends.
10. Tell a fellow bro if he looks like a plumber. Maybe get him a belt.

GIRL CODE

1. Pretending to be someone you're not to appeal to someone different is an excellent way to end up hating him/her and yourself.
2. Don't lead on your guy friends - if they don't have a chance, don't give them a reason to think otherwise.
3. Get the details on a potential significant other's future plans. It's pointless and painful to get attached to someone who does not want the things you want.
4. It's never good to date a friend's exes, or an ex's friends. Just don't ever do it. Ever.
5. Never let your friend get back with someone who is bad for them.
6. Pretend to be in a lesbian relationship with your friend when a guy just won't get the hint.
7. Honesty is your best policy, especially when it comes to your friends.
8. Always check your friend's: teeth, panty line, or anything that could cause his/her embarrassment.
9. A drunk friend needs their social media taken away until he/she sobers up.
10. Never date your exes again. It'll only remind you of why you broke up in the first place.



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