



August Diehl in the film 'A Hidden Life.'

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# Far Better Films than the Oscar Nominated

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This year's Oscar nominations are more white, more male, less original and less deserving even than usual, with the nihilistic "Joker" and Quentin Tarantino's bit of Hollywood narcissism topping the list of nominees. Still, although Hollywood doesn't celebrate

them and often has nothing to do with getting them made or securing them an audience, far better films than those you'll see featured on Oscar night appear on my list of the year's best films. Each of these films goes deep, opens liminal space and expands your seeing. Here are the eleven 2019 films I most heartily recommend:

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| <b>1. A Hidden Life</b>   | <b>6. Peterloo</b>           |
| <b>2. Us</b>              | <b>7. The Two Popes</b>      |
| <b>3. Seahorse</b>        | <b>8. Marriage Story</b>     |
| <b>4. The Nightingale</b> | <b>9. Amateurs</b>           |
| <b>5. Fast Color</b>      | <b>10. Afterlife and Vai</b> |
1. "A Hidden Life" takes seriously Georg Eliot's observation that "[t]

he growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts, and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs." Franz Jägerstätter's is just such a life; a young Austrian farmer, loving husband to wife Fani, and father to three young daughters, he also refused to swear loyalty to Hitler or to fight in the Nazi war effort. Because of his unheralded and quite unusual resistance (he was also the only person in his town to oppose

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## The Week in Review

### Racist Taunts in Max Attack

Jeremy Christian's double murder and assault trial entered a second week of testimony Monday. Police video showed Christian spewing a racist tirade after being apprehended in 2017 for killing two men and wounding a third in stabbings onboard a Max train. Last week, video was also presented to the jury to show Christian making racist taunts before and during the deadly confrontation.

### Certain Acquittal in Senate

On the eve of his all-but-certain impeachment acquittal in the Senate, President Trump headed to the Capitol Tuesday night to deliver his third State of the Union address. Majority Senate Republicans voted not to call witnesses last week, and dodged questions about whether Trump's actions pressuring the Ukrainian President to announce an investigation into Trump's political rival Joe Biden — were inappropriate.

### Dramatic Super Bowl Rally

A dramatic rally in the fourth quarter gave Kansas City a 31-20 victory in Super Bowl LIV Sunday. After San Francisco took a 20-10 lead going into the final quarter, the Chiefs scored touchdowns on three straight possessions and held the 49ers scoreless.



### Latin Pride for Halftime Show

Jennifer Lopez and Shakira fused razzle-dazzle dance and music with an of-the-moment sense of Latin American pride as the halftime performers during Sunday's Super Bowl in Miami. The superstar duo made history as the first two Latina women to co-headline the coveted halftime show gig.




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