

MOVIES ABOUT MOTHERHOOD



Saoirse Ronan, left, and Laurie Metcalf perform in a scene from "Lady Bird" (2017).

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Being a mom is hard, whether birthing a child, adopting one or simply stepping up to the plate when a kid needs someone. While many movies featuring motherly relationships have to squeeze every ounce of drama into a two-hour run time, some of them do it very well, demonstrating these movie moms have what it takes.

"Lady Bird" (2017) — Laurie Metcalf and Saoirse Ronan beautifully portray a complicated and complex mother-daughter relationship in Greta Gerwig's highly acclaimed film. Ronan plays an artistic and driven high school senior Lady Bird as she begins to apply to colleges, dreaming of leaving her humdrum life in Sacramento, California for the busy streets of New York City. All of this while her hard-working mother struggles to connect with her and isn't as thrilled with Lady Bird's decision to apply to schools they can not afford. Featuring a stellar supporting cast around them, the whole film is a triumph. Stream it on Netflix or rent it on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Google Play, Vudu or YouTube.

"Lilo & Stitch" (2002) — This now-classic animated family comedy focuses on a motherly relationship between sisters after a tragedy forced big sister Nani (voiced by Tia Carrere) to care for her little sister Lilo (voiced by Daveigh Chase). But things aren't going well for Lilo and Nani as family services have been



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From left: Vanessa Williams, Irma P. Hall and Vivica A Fox in a scene from "Soul Food" (1997).

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