

# FILM FATHERS WHO BROKE THE MOLD — AND OUR HEARTS



Mark Williams, left, and Daniel Radcliffe in a scene from "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (2007).

Warner Bros.

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It's Father's Day on Sunday, so why not celebrate the old man with some movie dads who showed up for their kids in all kinds of ways? From the everyday support to the extraordinary lengths they go for their children, these dads have what it takes.

**Guido Orefice, "Life is Beautiful" (1997)** — This might be the most heartbreaking film on this list. Roberto Benigni directed, co-wrote and stars as Guido, a Jewish-Italian who woos and marries schoolteacher Dora (Nicoletta Braschi). They have a son, Giosue (Giorgio Cantarini) and live a generally happy life until they are separated when they are captured and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Guido is able to stay with Giosue and protects him as best he can from the horrors of the camps by making everything seem like it's all a big game. Both heartwarming and heart-wrenching, the Italian film earned Benigni an Oscar for Best Actor and picked up Best Foreign Language Film and Best Original Score. Stream it on HBO Max or rent it on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Google Play, Vudu or YouTube.

**Marlin, "Finding Nemo" (2003)** — How far would you travel to find your kid? Any good parent would go as far as necessary if it

meant getting them back. For the clownfish Marlin (voiced by Albert Brooks) the journey to find his son is wrapped with his anxiousness when it comes to the open ocean. But he perseveres, meeting new friends, facing untold dangers and adventures along the way. Marlin takes it all on in the hope of seeing Nemo again. Stream it on Disney+ or rent it on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Google Play, Vudu or YouTube.

**Peter, Michael, Jack, "Three Men and a Baby" (1987)** — Sometimes parenthood is thrust upon you. For these three bachelors and roommates, life was a party. But when Jack (Ted Danson) is away, a baby arrives on their doorstep that is supposedly his. Peter and Michael (Tom Selleck and Steve Guttenberg) immediately begin caring for baby Mary thinking she is a package Jack told them to expect. She wasn't, and the actual package (heroin) is wanted by drug

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