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Laurence Fishburne in a scene from "Boyz n the Hood"

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dealers and the police. When Jack gets back he is immediately smitten with Mary. The three men then have to find the dealers, prove their innocence and do it all while making sure she stays safe. Stream it on Disney+ or rent it on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Google Play, Vudu or YouTube.

**Jason "Furious" Styles, "Boyz n the Hood" (1991)** — In John Singleton's stunning directorial debut, Laurence Fishburne takes on the role of Furious to Cuba Gooding Jr.'s Tre. While their relationship is tense, Furious teaches his son responsibility and how important it is that he breaks out of the cycle of gang violence in their area. Eventually, those lessons ring through and save Tre. Rent it on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Google Play, Vudu or YouTube.

**Alfred Pennyworth, "The Dark Knight Rises" (2012)** — It may be more of a meme now, but when Alfred (Michael Caine), the butler who raised the Batman, thinks that his almost-adopted son Bruce is dead and that he has in some way failed him and the Wayne family, it looks just like a father in mourning. There would be no Batman without Alfred, and Michael Caine's portrayal makes that abundantly clear. Stream it on HBO Max or rent it starting July 1 on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Google Play, Vudu or YouTube.

**Arthur Weasley, "Harry Potter" films (2001-11)** — Not only is he a good dad to



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From left: Roberto Benigni, Nicoletta Braschi and Giorgio Cantarini in a scene from "Life is Beautiful" (1997).

his entire brood of seven ginger children, but it could also be argued that Arthur (Mark Williams) and Molly (Julie Walters) are equally good when they take in young Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) as a second, or rather eighth, child. They give him just as much love and attention as they do their actual children. Stream all films on Peacock or HBO Max or rent them all individually on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Google Play, Vudu or YouTube.

**Armand and Albert Goldman, "The**

**Birdcage" (1996)** — Armand and his partner Albert (Robin Williams and Nathan Lane) literally change everything about themselves for one night to help out their son Val (Dan Futterman) so he can impress his fiancée's (Calista Flockhart) parents. Of course, for the drag club owner and star of the floor show, they need to play it straight for the ultra-conservative senator and his wife (Gene Hackman and Dianne Wiest). What could possibly go wrong? It should be noted that Albert is referred to as Val's mother and Armand's wife in the end, but it felt strange to leave his name out of the top of this listing. Stream it on Peacock, Paramount+ or Hulu or rent it on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Google Play, Vudu or YouTube.

**Honorable mentions:**

- Dill (Stanley Tucci), "Easy A" (2010).
- Ted Kramer (Dustin Hoffman), "Kramer vs. Kramer" (1979).
- Peter Banning (Robin Williams), "Hook" (1991).
- Bryan Mills (Liam Neeson), "Taken" (2008).
- Thomas Avery (Martin Sheen), "The Way" (2010).
- Henry Jones Sr. (Sean Connery), "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989).
- Mac MacGuff (J.K. Simmons), "Juno" (2007).
- Gil Buckman (Steve Martin), "Parenthood" (1989).

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