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**An American in Paris**

1951

Publisher: Warner Home Video

Production year: 1951

Starring: Gene Kelly, Leslie Caron

Synopsis: An ex-G.I. stays in Paris after the war to study painting, supported by a rich American. The young soldier falls in love, but unfortunately, she is engaged to an older man.

Academy Awards

1. Best Picture
2. Best Art – Set Decoration, Color
3. Best Cinematography, Color
4. Best Costume Design, Color
5. Best Musical Score
6. Best Writing, Scoring and Screenplay

**Argo**

2012

Publisher: Warner Bros.

Production year: 2012

Starring: Ben Affleck, Alan Arkin, John Goodman, Bryan Cranston, Victor Garber, Tate Donovan

Synopsis: On November 4, 1979, Iranian militants stormed the American embassy in Tehran and captured dozens of American hostages, sparking a 444-day ordeal. There's a little-known footnote to the crisis: six Americans escaped and a midlevel agent named Antonio Mendez devised an ingenious yet incredibly risky plan to rescue them.

Academy Awards

1. Best Picture
2. Best Adapted Screenplay
3. Best Film Editing

**Slumdog Millionaire**

2009

Publisher: 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment

Production year: 2008

Starring: Freida Pinto, Dev Patel, Anil Kapoor

Synopsis: Jamal Malik is just one question away from winning a fortune on India's version of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? How has this uneducated young man from the slums succeeded in providing correct responses to questions that have stumped countless scholars before him?

Academy Awards

1. Best Picture

2. Best Director

3. Best Adapted Screenplay

4. Best Cinematography

5. Best Original Score

6. Best Original Song

7. Best Film Editing

8. Best Sound Mixing

**Unforgiven**

1992

Publisher: Warner Home Video

Production year: 1992

Starring: Clint Eastwood, Morgan Freeman, Gene Hackman

Synopsis: A former desperado agrees to go on one last bounty hunt, but finds his past cannot escape him.

Academy Awards

1. Best Picture
2. Best Director
3. Best Supporting Actor
4. Best Film Editing

**One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**

1975

Production year: 1975

Starring: Louise Fletcher, Jack Nicholson, Christopher Lloyd,

Danny Devito

Synopsis: The story of a crook who feigns insanity in order to be placed in a posh mental institution rather than a cell, but faces shock therapy instead.

Academy Awards

1. Best Picture
2. Best Director
3. Best Actor
4. Best Actress
5. Writing Adapted Screenplay

**In The Heat of The Night**

1967

Publisher: Metro Goldwyn Mayer

Production year: 1967

Starring: Rod Steiger, Sidney Poitier

Synopsis: The story of Virgil Tibbs, a black police detective from Philadelphia, who becomes involved in a murder investigation in a racist small town in Mississippi.

Academy Awards

1. Best Picture
2. Best Actor
3. Film Editing
4. Best Sound
5. Writing Adapted Screenplay

**Mutiny on the Bounty**

1935

Publisher: Warner Home Video

Production year: 1935

Starring: Clark Gable, Charles Laughton

Synopsis: Based on the true story of sadistic Captain Bligh, Fletcher Christian, their turbulent journey aboard the HMS Bounty, and the subsequent mutiny in 1788.

Academy Awards

1. Best Picture

**No Country for Old Men**

Publisher: Miramax Films

Production year: 2007

Starring: Tommy Lee Jones, Josh Brolin, Javier Bardem, Woody Harrelson

Synopsis: When a man stumbles on a bloody crime scene, a pickup truck loaded with heroin, and two million dollars in irresistible cash, his decision to take the money sets off an unstoppable chain reaction of violence.

Academy Awards

1. Best Picture
2. Best Director
3. Best Adapted Screenplay