

## Seven years in Tibet

Year: 1997

Length: 128 minutes

Genre: dramatic

Director: Jean Jaques Annaud Cast: Brad Pitt, David Thewlis, B.D. Wong

Plot: The Austrian Heinrich Harrer, imprisoned by the British during the war, escapes from the prison camp in 1942 with a fellow inmate. They reach Lhasa, the forbidden city of Tibet, where Harrer makes friends with the teenage Dalai Lama, who is extremely curious about the West. When the Chinese invaders arrive, Harrer returns to Austria with his head full of his experiences and new dreams.

Memorable line: "I like absolute simplicity, that's what I like. When you are mountain climbing your mind is clear, free of all confusion: you are focussed and all of a sudden the light becomes purer, the sounds richer and you are suffused with the deep, powerful presence of life."

## The Shining

Year: 1980

Length: 146 minutes

Genre: horror/thriller

Director: Stanley Kubrick Cast: Jack Nicholson, Shelley Duvall, Danny Lloyd

Plot: Jack Torrance has accepted the job of caretaker for the winter at scary Overlook Hotel, in the Rocky Mountains. Under the hotel's supernatural and evil influence Jack becomes progressively more disturbed until, overtaken by a sort of schizophrenic folly, he tries to kill his family.

Memorable line: "Wendy, I'm the big, bad wolf!"

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## 007- On Her Majesty's Secret Service

Year: 1969

Length: 136 minutes

Genre: espionage

Director: Peter Hunt

Cast: George Lazenby, Diana Rigg, Telly Savalas

Plot: Action-packed adventure featuring love interest, ski chases, firearms, incredible acrobatics and plenty of nail-biting: James Bond is working under cover on the Swiss Alps to prevent the criminal genius Blofeld from starting chemical warfare which would exterminate millions.

Memorable line: "Don't worry. We've got all the time in the world..."

## Continental Divide

Year: 1981

Length: 105 minutes

Genre: commedia

Director: Michael Apted

Cast: John Belushi, Blair Brown, Allen Goorwitz

Plot: Ernie Souchak is a well-known journalist on the Chicago Sun Times, famous for his embarrassing political revelations. While his controversial style has earned him the respect of his editor and the admiration of his fans, a group of criminals are not impressed and decide to do him in. He is advised to get out of town for a while, and is sent to Rockie to interview a respected ornithologist who has dedicated her life to the study of the Bald Eagle.

Memorable line: "I'm going to take you to a place where there are no trees."

## Cliffhanger

Year: 1993

Length: 115 minutes

Genre: action/adventure

Director: Renny Harlin

Cast: Sylvester Stallone, John Lithgow, Micheal Rooker

Plot: The life of a young and inexpert climber who perished in an accident in the mountains the previous year weighs heavy on the conscience of Gabe Walker, who had failed to save her. So Gabe decides to quit his job and leave both the mountains and the woman he loves. Then an opportunity to help a group of young climbers in difficulty presents itself. For the first time since the accident Gabe finds himself back in contact with rockfaces.

Memorable line: "You want to kill me, Tucker, right? So take a number and get in line."

## Brokeback Mountain

Year: 2005

Length: 134 minutes

Genre: dramatic

Director: Ang Lee

Cast: Jake Gyllenhaal, Heath Ledger, Michelle Williams

Plot: America, 1963: two young strangers working shoulder to shoulder as cowhands in the mountain pastures of Wyoming form a friendship. With time their feelings for each other turn into something deeper. When they go their separate ways at the end of the summer they miss each other terribly. A tense, moving and deeply affecting film with dramatic twists and wonderful scenery.

Memorable line: "If you ain't got nothin', you ain't got nothin' to lose."

## The Wind Blows Round

Year: 2005

Length: 110 minutes

Genre: dramatic

Director: Giorgio Diritti

Cast: Thierry Toscan, Alessandra Agosti, Dario Anghilante

Plot: Chersogno is a hamlet in the western Italian Alps which survives thanks to a few old inhabitants and short-lived summer tourism. The arrival of a French vicar and his young family, along with their goats and his side-line as a cheese producer point the way for a possible re-birth of the village. Little by little, however, life becomes ever more difficult as misunderstandings and inflexibility abound, not to mention envy.

Memorable line: "The wind blows round and all things go back to their rightful places."

## The Man Who Would Be King

Year: 1975

Length: 129 minutes

Genre: adventure

Director: John Huston

Cast: Sean Connery, Michael Caine, Christopher Plummer

Plot: India: at the end of the 1800s two British ex-servicemen seek their fortunes in Kafiristan, a remote state in the sub-continent, where they had helped out the village chief during the war. At first they are considered immortal, but their very human nature is soon revealed and the raging crowd tries to kill them.

Memorable line: "I wouldn't trade places even with the Viceroy, if it meant having to give up some of my memories."

## The Thing

Year: 1982

Length: 105 minutes

Genre: horror

Director: John Carpenter

Cast: Wilford Brimley, T.K. Carter, Keith David

Plot: The life of a group of scientists in a US base in Alaska is made unbearable by the unexpected arrival of the "thing", a substance unearthed after thousands of years trapped under the Artic icecap. Animals and humans are attacked and from time to time the thing even takes on their appearance. Soon the thought dawns (spurred by monstrous apparitions and scary deaths) that the "thing" must be acting through someone on the base.

Memorable line: "Nobody trusts anybody any more... and we are all exhausted."

## The Pink Panther

Year: 1963

Length: 114 minutes

Genre: adventure

Director: Blake Edwards

Cast: David Niven, Peter Sellers, Robert Wagner

Plot: The Pink Panther is a fabulous diamond owned by Princess Dala. The famous gentleman thief Sir Charles Lytton is in hot pursuit and follows her to Cortina D'Ampezzo. Lytton is in turn being followed by Inspector Clouseau, whose wife is Lytton's lover. An incredible series of tragicomic adventures leads to Inspector Clouseau being accused of stealing the flawed diamond.

Memorable line: "I, too, am satisfied with reality, very satisfied with it. Just that for me reality includes a few drinks from time to time."