

SUGGESTED MOVIES FOR TEENAGERS

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Here is a list of recommended movies suggested by a number of families I know and respect. It is offered as a starting point for your family's movie selection. I cannot guarantee that you will like every single one and I personally have not seen all of them, but list them on the advice of dear friends. Although we all are concerned about our teenagers, we have different tolerances regarding language, content and violence. As a result, **I encourage you to check out a review on the following movies to determine their suitability for the age and stage of your teenager.** Also note that you can get a lot of these titles by searching on-line through your public library system and having them sent to your local library branch for pick up. This saves you time, money and energy.

The A-Team – PG-13 - action/adventure/comedy with Liam Neeson
All About Eve – old B&W drama with Bette Davis, great for girls
All Quiet on the Western Front – 1920 war movie
All the President's Men – PG – drama/thriller
Amazing Grace – PG - drama
Apollo 13 – PG - based on the true story, drama
Arlington Road – R for violence and some language - action/thriller/suspense/horror for older teens
Babette's Feast – foreign film, drama
Bad Day at Black Rock – an old western with Spencer Tracy
Batman Begins with Christian Bale – PG13 - fantasy action
Beautiful Mind – PG-13 – drama
Beneath Hill 60 – PG – WWI action/drama based on a true story of the war effort of Australians
Bella – PG-13 drama
Blackhawk Down – R – war movie for older teens because of level of violence
Bleak House – based on Charles Dickens book, made by BBC – 7 hours
The Blind Side – PG-13 – football drama biography
Blood Diamond – set in Africa, re: child soldiers, for older teenage boys
Bourne Identity; Bourne Supremacy; Bourne Ultimatum – PG13 - action/thriller
Bridge on the River Kwai – war movie
Bruce Almighty – PG-13 – comedy/fantasy
Captain America – PG-13 – action/adventure based on superhero comics
Cinderella Man – PG-13 - drama, boxing, true story
Clear and Present Danger – PG-13 - action/drama/thriller with Harrison Ford
Confessions of a Shopaholic – PG - romantic/comedy
Conspiracy Theory – R - older teens, spoof on FBI
Cool Runnings with John Candy – PG - comedy
Cranford – 2007 – social drama - TV Mini-series featuring Judi Dench
The Count of Monte Cristo with Jim Caviezel –PG-13 - 2002 historical drama/adventure
Dance With Me - drama/romance/music
The Day After Tomorrow – PG-13 – sci-fi/fantasy thriller, a disaster movie
Death Race- R for violence, sci-fi thriller for older teenagers
Deja Vu – PG-13 - action/thriller/romance for older teenagers
Die Hard (1 and 4) – R - for older teenagers, action/thriller
Edge of Darkness – 1943 war drama with Errol Flynn
The Emperor's Club – PG-13 - drama about students in a private school

Enemy at the Gates – R for war violence and some sexuality – action/romance/war for older teens
Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed – 2008 independent documentary on truth and freedom in academia
Facing the Giants – PG – football sports/drama
FireProof – PG - drama/romance
Flags of our Fathers – R – action/war/drama – for older teens - graphic war violence and language
Flash of Genius – PG-13 – 2008 drama based on a true story
Freedom Writers – PG-13- crime/drama
Friday Night Lights – PG-13 – football sports/drama
Funny Girl – musical, romance with Fred Astaire and Audrey Hepburn
G.I.Joe: Rise of the Cobra – PG-13 – science-fiction thriller
Gladiator with Russell Crowe –R for violence - historical action movie
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly with Clint Eastwood – western
The Great Debaters – PG-13 – drama
The Great Global Warming Swindle – 2007 documentary on global warming
Groundhog Day – PG - humor
Hidalgo – PG-13 - modern western adventure
Hidden Places – drama/ romance produced by Hallmark
Holiday – romance/comedy/drama with Gary Cooper
Hunt for Red October – PG - action thriller
I Am David with Jim Caviezel – PG - war drama
I Am Sam – PG-13 - drama
The Illusionist – PG-13 - fantasy, drama, romance
The Incredible Hulk PG-13 - Edward Norton, super hero/sci-fi
The International – R – for violence and language – crime/thriller with Clive Owen
Invictus – PG-13- Rugby drama featuring Matt Damon,based on a true story
Invincible – football drama based on a true story
It Happened One Night – romantic comedy with Clark Gable
The Island – PG-13 - action/thriller/sci-fi
Jeeves and Wooster movies – British humor great for teens
John Adams – 2008 biography/drama/history - TV mini-series about the first 50 years of the U.S.
Juno – PG-13 - comedy romance drama
Jurassic Park – PG-13 - science fiction adventure
King Kong with Jack Black – PG-13 – monster movie
The King's Speech – PG 13 – based on the life of King George VI starring Colin Firth
La Neuvaïne – french with english subtitles, drama
The Last Samurai with Tom Cruise – R for violence - Japanese historical action, for older teens
Leap Year – PG- Romantic comedy featuring Amy Adams
Leatherheads- PG-13 - George Clooney, romantic comedy/football drama
Legend of 1900 – R for language – drama
The Legend of Zorro – PG – with Antonio Banderas - adventure romance comedy (sequel to Mark of Zorro)
Les Choristes – PG-13 - french with english subtitles, drama
Letters to Iwo Jima – R for war violence - WWII Japanese drama
Letters to Juliet – 2010 – PG - romantic comedy
Life is Beautiful – PG-13 – World War II drama
The Long Walk Home – PG – drama

Lord of the Rings – PG 13- fantasy/adventure
Lorenzo's Oil – PG-13 - drama
Love Come Softly; Love's Enduring Promise; Love's Long Journey; Love's Abiding Joy; Love's
Unending Legacy -Love's Enduring Promise – pioneer/drama/romance for girls
The Majestic – PG - drama/romance
The Man Who Knew Too Much – mystery with Jimmy Stewart
Man for All Seasons – life of St. Thomas More
Manchurian Candidate – 1962 with Frank Sinatra – action/suspense
Mansfield Park – 2007 – TV drama starring Blake Ritson and Billie Piper
The Mark of Zorro – PG – with Antonio Banderas – adventure romance comedy
Marvin's Room – PG-13 – comedy/drama
Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World – PG-13 – naval drama
Matrix (the first movie) – R for violence - science fiction action
Meet John Doe – a 1941 Gary Cooper drama
Miracle at Midnight – war drama movie
Miss Potter – PG – romantic drama about the biography of Beatrix Potter
Mission Impossible (the first movie) – PG-13 - action/thriller
Mr. Holland's Opus – PG – drama
Mr. Roberts – war/comedy/drama with Henry Fonda
Moby Dick – an old B&W, based on the classic novel about the sea
Mostly Martha – PG – comedy/romance
My Big Fat Greek Wedding – PG - comedy/romance
Napoleon Dynamite – PG - comedy
National Treasure (the first one) – PG – action/adventure/mystery
Nicholas Nickleby – 2002 – social drama
North and South – 2004 BBC mini-series set in England– social drama/romance
O Brother, Where Art Thou? – PG-13 – comedy
October Sky – PG – drama based on a true story
Ong Bak –R- for violence and language, kung fu action movie for older teens
The Others – PG-13 – horror/thriller/suspense
Our Mutual Friend – BBC 1999 - mystery/romance
Passion of the Christ – R for violence – movie about the passion, death and resurrection of Christ
Paycheck – PG-13 - drama/thriller for older teens
Pay It Forward – PG 13 - drama
Persuasion – 1995 with Amanda Root and Ciaran Hinds, based on Jane Austin's book, great for girls
Persuasion – 2007 with Rupert Penry-Jones – romantic drama
The Phantom of the Opera – musical/drama/romance
The Pianist – R - war, life in the Polish ghettos
Pirates of the Caribbean – PG-13 - action/fantasy/adventure
Pride and Prejudice with Colin Firth – drama/romance for girls
Pride and Prejudice with Keira Knightley – PG - drama/romance for girls
Push - 2009 – PG-13- sci-fi/thriller
Rabbit-Proof Fence – PG – drama
Red – PG-13 – action/comedy with Bruce Willis
Remember the Titans – PG - sports drama

Rescue Dawn – PG-13 - action/drama war movie
 Roman Holiday with Audrey Hepburn – drama/romance for girls
 Run Lola Run – R for violence and language – foreign – action/adventure/drama/thriller – older teens
 Sabrina with Audrey Hepburn – drama/romance for girls
 Sabrina with Harrison Ford –PG - drama/romance for girls
 Sahara – PG-13- 2005 – action/adventure/comedy
 The Scarlet and the Black – drama/adventure based on true story about a priest, features Gregory Peck
 Scarlett Pimpernel with Jane Seymour – action/drama/romance set during French Revolution
 Sea Biscuit – PG-13 - true story about horse racing
 Sense and Sensibility with Hugh Grant – romance drama for girls based on Jane Austen's novel
 Serenity – PG-13 - action/thriller/sci-fi
 Shadow of a Doubt (1943 version) – Alfred Hitchcock suspense
 Shall We Dance – musical, romantic comedy with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers
 Sissi – 1955 romance drama on the lives of Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria and Franz Josef of Austria
 Sissi the Young Empress – 1956 drama (second of the trilogy)
 Sissi – Fateful Years of an Empress – 1957 drama (last of the trilogy)
 16 Blocks with Bruce Willis- PG-13 - action thriller
 The Spanish Prisoner – PG – drama/thriller/crime/gangster
 Spiderman with Tobey Maguire (the first movie) – PG13 - superhero action movie
 Spitfire Grill – PG-13 - drama for older teens and adults
 The Sting with Robert Redford – PG - action/comedy/gangster
 Storming Juno – Docudrama of the Canadian assault of Juno Beach on D-Day
 Straight from the Heart – romance/drama for girls
 Surrogates with Bruce Willis – PG-13 - science-fiction/thriller
 Swing Kids – PG-13 - war drama
 Take the Lead- PG-13 - Antonio Banderas, based on true story, drama, dance
 The Terminal – PG-13 - comedy/romance/drama
 Terminator 2: Judgement Day – R - scifi action thriller for older teens
 Timeline – PG 13- 2003 sci-fi action adventure
 The Trumann Show – PG 13 - drama/comedy
 Twelve Angry Men – drama with Henry Fonda
 U-571 – PG-13- U-boat thriller
 Undefeated – western with John Wayne and Rock Hudson
 Under the Greenwood Tree – 2005 – BBC – romance/drama for girls
 Unstoppable – 2010 – action/adventure/thriller with Denzel Washington
 Waking Ned Devine – PG - comedy
 A Walk in the Clouds with Keanu Reeves – PG-13 - good for older teenagers and adults
 A Walk to Remember - PG-13 – drama/romance for girls
 War and Peace with Audrey Hepburn – Russian historical drama (great to see before reading book)
 We Were Soldiers – R - war movie for older teens because of level of violence
 Where Eagles Dare – 1968 with Clint Eastwood - action/adventure
 Wives and Daughters - 19th century romance/drama
 Woman of the Year – romantic drama with Katharine Hepburn
 The Young Victoria – PG – romantic drama based on the true story of Queen Victoria

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