

Des films suggérés

Films romantiques

- Les enfants du paradis (most romantic film ever !)
- Un homme & une femme
- Un homme & une femme 20 ans déjà (sequel)
- Les parapluies de Cherbourg (singing only)
- La belle et la bête (Beauty & the Beast)

Suspense/Policier

- Diabolique* (very scary boarding school mystery)
- Diva (opera star/postman mystery)
- With a Friend like Harry (creepy scary!)
- Rififi (an INCREDIBLE robbery-15 min heist w/out sound!)
- Samouri (great chase scene in métro)
- Confidentially yours (mystery,danger,romance,rain)
- 8 femmes (8 FABULOUS French actresses, 1 dead man!)
- HolyYear (cons disguised as priests—a light film!)
- Ne le dis a personne

Films comiques

- L'Auberge espagnole (int'l college student roommates)
- Les poupées russes (sequel)
- Les compères (who's the real father?)
- 3 hommes & un couffin (original of *3 Men & a baby*)
- Le placard (*The Closet*—man pretends to be gay)
- A la mode (rags to riches story)
- La chèvre
- Les visiteurs (medieval knights travel to future)
- anything with Fernandel
- My wife is an actress (husband jealous of wife's costars)
- Dîner des cons (Who's *really* the jerk?)
- Mon oncle (weird comedy, not much talking)

Comédies romantiques

- Après vous
- Maman, il y a un homme dans ton lit!
- Amélie (girl finds amazing ways to right wrongs!)
- Paper wedding (*Green Card* en français)

Films about kids/teenagers

- Etre et avoir (teacher in 1-rm school—10 pupils)
- Monsieur Ibrahim (teen boy & mentor)
- My Father's Glory* (true story of Marcel Pagnol,
- My Mother's Castle* (set in Provence, early 1900's)
- Le grand chemin(boy spends summer in the country)
- Small change (1 summer in the lives of many kids)
- La boum (1st love, 1st parties,parents' divorce)
- Peppermint soda (French schoolgirls do schoolgirl things)
- Ma vie en rose (boy dresses like a girl)
- Look at me (body image issues but she triumphs!)
- The First Time I was 20 (girl musician in boy-dominated band)
- Le grand voyage (Muslim teen drives dad to Mecca, unwillingly)
- La promesse (teen boy's moral decisions)
- Blame it on Fidel (l'il girl reacts to her parents' new life style)

Films historiques /Action

- La Femme Nikita (beaucoup de violence !)
- Le pacte des loups (Pact of Wolves)
- Danton (revolution française)
- Les Misérables (many versions, Belmondo's recommended)
- Horseman on the roof (rooftop chases, cholera, romance)
- Queen Margot (sword fighting, romance, etc)
- Cyrano de Bergerac (poetry, sword fighting & a big nose!)

Science Fiction/Fantaisie

- City of Lost Children
- Delicatessen

Films Spirituels / Religieux

- Thérèse (story of Ste Thérèse)
- Jésus de Montréal (Passion play turns real)
- Les visiteurs du soir

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Films dramatiques

- Camille Claudel (true tragic story of great artist)
- Toto le héros (man's whole life consumed by jealousy)
- Jean de Florette
- Manon des sources (sequel to Jean de Florette)
- A Self-Made Hero (insecure guy totally invents life & army career)
- Le Huitième Jour (friendship between 2 guys, 1 handicapped, 1 suicidal)
- Bleu (musician makes new life after tragic car accident)
- Blanc
- Rouge (coincidence or destiny ?)
- Ponette (child accepts mother's death)
- Est-Ouest (family returns to Russia w/ horrible consequences)
- Widow of St. Pierre (capital punishment—bon ou mauvais?)
- La vie en rose (bio of Edith Piaf—won '08 Oscar)

Films de guerre

- Le dernier métro (suspense & Nazis in Paris theater setting)
- Au revoir les enfants (Jewish kids hiding in Catholic school)
- Lucie Aubrac (true story of French resistance fighters)
- Bon voyage (suspense, humor, injustice, justice, romance, etc!)
- Joyeux Noël (true story of Xmas truce on battlefield-WW1)
- Very Long Engagement (Audrey Tautou looks 4 her bf in WW1)
- Strayed (mom flees Paris with her 2 kids)

Le colonialisme

- Le grand blanc de Lambarène (Albert Schweitzer in Gabon, Africa)
- Indochine (epic set in Vietnam: war, romance, etc)
- Sugar Cane Alley (poor kids in 1930s colonial Martinique)

Le Racisme

- Café au lait (friendship between girl & 2 guys, 3 different races)
- La haine (Hate) (racial profiling & gangs in Paris)

Classiques (if you love black & white movies!)

- L'Atalante (newlyweds honeymoon on river barge)
- Le jour se lève (ultimate existential story)
- Quai des brumes (another ultimate existential story)
- La bête humaine (former alcoholic thinks he's a murderer)
- Le salaire de la peur (Will OLD truck carrying explosives make it ?)
- Elevator to the gallows (incredible suspense + Miles Davis score)
- Marius / César / Fanny trilogy (love, sadness, sweetness, humor)
- Orpheus (surreal version of Orpheus myth)
- Rules of the Game (philosophical war movie)
- 400 Blows (garçon avec une vie difficile)
- Pépé le Moko (romance/danger in the Casbah of Algiers)

Films animés

- Persepolis (film version of graphic novel about growing up in Iran)

TAKE THIS PAPER WITH YOU TO THE VIDEO STORE!!!

1. Choose your film yourself—you're the one who's going to watch it!
TAKE YOUR TIME IN CHOOSING—Really chooooooosel!
2. Recommend your favorite films! I'm constantly updating this list, so be sure to tell me if you LOVE (or hate!) a certain film!
3. Some of these films might be available only at *Le Video*, the video store on 9th ave at Irving, next to Gordo's burritos.-ask moi!
4. Be sure your film has subtitles!! Dubbed films aren't acceptable, and you won't understand a film WITHOUT subtitles!
5. Pay close attention to all cultural differences, if your film takes place in relatively modern times--what & where & when they eat, where they hang out, how they get around, how their houses look, what they wear, forms of politeness, etc.
6. See a film in a cinema if a good one's playing!
7. If you're uncertain about a film, in any way, ask moi!!!