

My Personal Top Ten + list of "must see" Holiday Films.

The holidays are here and the library's Christmas and holiday films are flying off the shelves. Every year I go on a personal marathon of Christmas film watching. I set aside my Netflix que, put my TV watching on hold, with the exception of the Doctor Who Christmas Specials, and settle back to watch some of my favorite Christmas films. Below are the ones I must see or I feel like my holiday season is incomplete.

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Ghost Town

 [Ghost Town](#) takes the M. Night Shyamalan movie, "[The Sixth Sense](#)" and stands it on its head. The tagline for the film says it all; "He sees dead people ... and they annoy him." After a near death experience, Bertram Pincus (Ricky Gervais) finds he has the ability to see dead people. The dead want his attention so that they can close out the incompleteness in their lives and move on. Pincus is a very good dentist but very inept as a human being and the type of character Gervais plays well. The role of a competent loser suits him. His sudden ability to see the dead doesn't leave him impressed nor does it fill him with fear. Instead, it seems to annoy him. He would much rather be left alone to be the perfect loser. [Read more](#)

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There's Monsters and Then There's Monsters

 [Horror fiction](#): There're a lot of arguments about what it is and isn't -- it's bloody; it doesn't have to be bloody. It's supernatural, like werewolves and ghosts; it can have just people -- they're scary enough. It's got sparkly vampires who can inexplicably run around all day; vampires don't fall in love, they fall with their fangs into your neck. Whatever version of horror you subscribe to, with Halloween coming up quickly, it's what's for dinner. [Read more](#)

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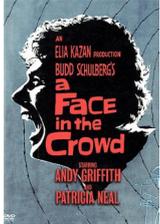
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A Face in the Crowd



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Andy Griffith, one of America's most beloved actors, passed away recently. We remember him so well as the sheriff of Mayberry on the [Andy Griffith Show](#) or as Private Will Stockdale in *No Time For Sergeants*. We may also remember him as [Matlock](#), from the TV series of the same name. A select few might also remember him from his short lived Science Fiction series *Salvage One*. Always he was the mild mannered father- like figure who seemed to get the job done with down- home wisdom and honest effort. So what would you say if I told you that after watching Andy in his first film [A Face in the Crowd](#), I was unable to watch Sheriff Andy without thinking "What a sleezeball?" [Read more](#)

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In Time



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"I don't have time. I don't have time to worry about how it happened. It is what it is. We're genetically engineered to stop aging at 25. The trouble is, we live only one more year, unless we can get more time. Time is now the currency. We earn it and spend it. The rich can live forever. And the rest of us? I just want to wake up with more time on my hands than hours in the day" -- Will Salas (Justin Timberlake)

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These are the opening lines to the film [In Time](#) where time literally is money. At age 25 you stop aging, but you only have one year left to live. You can work for more time, trade time, steal time and fight for time, no matter what you spend time. [Read more](#)

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Desk Set



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It's hard to top a film team of Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. Although lovers in real life, their films have a chemistry that is almost electrifying. [Desk Set](#) is one of their best. [Adam's Rib](#) comes in at a very close second place, but to me [Desk Set](#) is their perfect film.

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