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Take Me Out to the Ball Game...

Both the American League and National League Championship Series start October 10th. Whether you're disappointed your favorite team is no longer in contention for the World Series or you just can't get enough of October baseball, these films are for you!

Field of Dreams "If you build it, he will come." An Iowa corn farmer Ray Kinsella hears this voice in his field one day and interprets it to mean he should build a baseball field on his farm. Once built, the ghosts of Shoeless Joe Jackson and the other 1919 Chicago White Sox players banned from the game for throwing the World Series appear. He continues to hear voices, each time leading Ray to a different era of baseball and one step closer to his estranged father.

42 This is the story of Jackie Robinson, recruited from the Negro Leagues to the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1945 and his historic 1947 rookie season where he broke the race barrier in Major League Baseball.



The Sandlot This coming of age movie is about Scotty Smalls a new kid in the neighborhood and struggling to make friends. After embarrassing himself in an improvised game of baseball, Scotty turns to his stepfather to teach him how to play, goes back to the sandlot to show his new skill, is befriended by the team and goes on a series of adventures with them.

Angels in the Outfield Roger wants two things from life: to live with a real family instead of in a foster home and for the California Angels to finally win the pennant even though they are the worst team in the division. One day some angels appear at a game to help Roger make this happen-but only Roger can see them and believes in them! Will the Angels win the pennant? Ya gotta believe!



Moneyball The true story of Oakland A's manager Billy Beane's successful attempt to build a winning baseball team by using computer-generated analysis to acquire new players.

A League of their Own This is a fictionalized account of the real-life All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Set during World War II when a shortage of men threatens to shut down major league baseball, one major league owner convinces others to finance a woman's league.

Rookie of the Year After his broken arm heals in an unexpected fashion, 12 year old little leaguer Henry finds that he now has the ability to pitch with incredible force. Signed by the Cubs and heading to the National League Championship game, Henry faces many challenges as a kid playing in the majors and playing alongside his heroes.



The Bad News Bears A down on his luck ex-Major Leaguer agrees to coach a ragtag little league team, whips them into shape, and takes on their nemesis in a super competitive Californian little league.

Major League The Cleveland Indian's new owner wants to move the team but the only way out of the stadium contract is poor attendance. She assembles the worst baseball players and hopes for a losing season, but when the players catch wind of her plan they start winning just to spite her.



Bull Durham Minor Leaguer "Crash" Davis is sent to the Durham Bulls to help train up coming pitcher "Nuke" LaLoosh in the way of baseball and life. The situation is even more complicated when Annie gets thrown into the mix. Annie and Crash each help to shape Nuke into a major league pitcher.

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The Quiet Man



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John Wayne is one of the most famous and beloved actors of all time. He had an acting style that was uniquely his own. While he is best known for his westerns and war films, my favorite John Wayne film, *The Quiet Man*, falls in neither category. John Wayne plays boxer Sean Thornton returning to his Irish boyhood home from America after retiring from the ring and from fighting altogether after one of his opponents dies from the blows he suffered in their fight. His desire is to return to the simple life he knew as a boy and the town he grew up in. It doesn't take long before he finds love with Mary Kate Danaher (Maureen O'hara), but it is this love that is going to make his life far from simple. [Read more](#)

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The Raid 2



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If you are looking for an action-packed, extremely violent, two-and-a-half hour movie filled with lots of amazing martial arts acrobatics and weapons used in ways that you would never wish on your worst enemy, you should try this out (in either the provided English dubbed or subtitled Indonesian versions). I wouldn't ever recommend watching a sequel before [the original](#), but you don't really have to see the first one (which is almost half as long, but just as good); This one basically starts over where it left off. [Read more](#)

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The Majestic



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Set during the McCarthy hearings of the late 50's *The Majestic* tells the story of a blacklisted screen writer named Peter Appleton (Jim Carrey) who, after freeing himself from a car wreck, finds himself in a small town devoid of his memory. He encounters an older man who mistakenly believes Peter is his long lost son. Peter, having no reason to doubt the man, believes this must be who he is and so settles himself down in the town [Read more](#)

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Cocoanuts and the Marx Brothers



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Cocoanuts was the first feature film starring the four Marx Brothers: Groucho, Chico, Harpo and Zeppo. It may also have the distinction of being the first true movie musical, that is, a movie where the musical numbers were meant to be part of the story telling process rather than a performance for audience within the movie. It wasn't that the studio didn't plan to have a band playing with the musical scenes. A band was hired for the first day of shooting. Apparently they were to follow the actors around ready to play whenever someone was tempted to burst into song, but the director soon realized there was no reason to have them around and that they would distract from the plot of the movie; something that the Marx Brothers were already managing to do pretty well on their own. [Read more](#)

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Joan Rivers 1933 - 2014



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Joan Rivers passed away Thursday September 4, 2014 after suffering complications from surgery. Rivers was perhaps best known for her standup comedy and somewhat caustic wit. In addition to her standup work she has been featured in a number of movies and authored a number of books. The link below will produce a list of the many items in the MCPL collection

that highlight her accomplishments

Joan Rivers

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