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So you've got my 10 favorite movies and 20 least-favorite movies for 2008 ... but what about the 139 that landed somewhere in between?

Glad you asked!

Runners-Up to the 10 Favorites: *American Teen, Appaloosa, Frost/Nixon, Ghost Town, Man on Wire, Paranoid Park, Standard Operating Procedure, Stop-Loss, Vicky Cristina Barcelona, The Visitor*

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Runners-Up to *Those Runners-Up*: *Cadillac Records*, *Cassandra's Dream*, *Choke*, *Doubt*, *High School Musical 3: Senior Year*, *Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day*, *Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist*, *Quarantine*, *Shine a Light*, *W*.



Oh, What the Hell ... 10 More Fun Ones: *Bolt*, *Burn After Reading*, *Definitely Maybe*, *Hancock*, *In Bruges*, *The Incredible Hulk*, *Indiana Jones & the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, *Iron Man*, *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, *The Tale of Despereaux*.

And Because I'm Feeling *Obscenely Generous* ... : *Charlie Bartlett*, *City of Ember*, *First Sunday*, *Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay*, *How She Move*, *Pride & Glory*, *Role Models*, *Smart People*, *Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys*, *Valkyrie*.

Pretty-Good Movies That Didn't Deserve Their Critical Spankings: *Be Kind Rewind*, *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, *Death Race*, *Igor*, *Mad Money*, *Max Payne*, *Nim's Island*, *The Other Boleyn Girl*, *Over Her Dead Body*, *The Rocker*.



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Not-Bad - or Sorta-Bad - Movies That Didn't Deserve Their Rave Reviews: *Australia, The Bank Job, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Hellboy II: The Golden Army, Kung Fu Panda, The Reader, RocknRolla, The Secret Life of Bees, Slumdog Millionaire, Tropic Thunder.*

Movies That Didn't Necessarily Deserve to Gross \$100 Million Plus: *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian, Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!, Eagle Eye, Get Smart, Journey to the Center of the Earth, Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, Mamma Mia!, The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor, Quantum of Solace, Step Brothers.*

Movie I'm Embarrassed to Say *Did* Deserve to Gross \$100 Million Plus: *You Don't Mess with the Zohan*

Movie That Kinda Deserved to Gross \$100 Million Plus but *Didn't*: *Rambo.*



Movies That Really Should've Been Better: *Cloverfield, Leatherheads, Miracle at St. Anna, Redbelt, Religulous, Semi-Pro, Transporter 3, Vantage Point, The Women, The X-Files: I Want to Believe.*

Movies That Definitely Could've Been Worse: *An American Carol, Bedtime Stories, Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed, The Eye, Four Christmases, Meet Dave, Meet the Spartans, The Ruins, Saw V, 27 Dresses.*

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Movies That Were Exactly What They Needed to Be: *Baby Mama, Marley & Me, Nothing Like the Holidays, Punisher: War Zone, Sex & the City, The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2, Traitor, Twilight, Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns, Wanted.*

Movies That I've Lost Nearly All Memory Of... and Their Titles Aren't Helping ... : *Babylon A.D., Body of Lies, Deception, Doomsday, The Express, The Forbidden Kingdom, The Longshots, Never Back Down, Street Kings, Untraceable.*

Movie That Needed a Better Title: *Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show: 30 Days & 30 Nights - From Hollywood to the Heartland.*



Movies Featuring Outstanding Work Under Trying Circumstances: *Blindness* (Julianne Moore), *The Duchess* (Ralph Fiennes), *The House Bunny* (Anna Faris), *Lakeview Terrace* (Samuel L. Jackson), *Penelope* (Christina Ricci), *Pineapple Express* (James Franco), *Run Fatboy Run* (Simon Pegg), *Seven Pounds*

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(Rosario Dawson),
Soul Men
(Bernie Mac)
, *Zack & Miri Make a Porno*
(Elizabeth Banks).

Movies So Bland They Don't Really Merit Placement in Any List: *Drillbit Taylor, Flash of Genius, Made of Honor, Swing Vote, Yes Man.*

Movies That Would've Been in the Bottom 20 if the Movies in the Bottom 20 Didn't Suck So Badly: *Beverly Hills Chihuahua, College Road Trip, The Day the Earth Stood Still, Disaster Movie, The Happening, The Haunting of Molly Hartley, Jumper, Superhero Movie, 10,000 B.C., 21.*



Movie That Still Wouldn't Place in the Bottom 30: *The Love Guru.*

The 31st-Worst Movie of 2008: *The Love Guru.*