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To help you select a movie that you will enjoy, it is recommended that you look at the description of films in the following pages. You may scroll down or press CTRL + click on any of the titles below to take you directly to the description of the movie. For more information (including some trailers), click through the link to the Internet Movie Database (<u>www.imdb.com</u>). <u>All films are in general circulation and in DVD format unless otherwise noted</u>. PLEASE NOTE: Many of these films contain nudity, sex, violence, or vulgarity. Just because a film has not been rated by the MMPA, does not mean it does not contain these elements. If you are looking for a film without those elements, consider viewing one of the films on the list on the last page of the document.

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*may be used for extra credit (with pre-approval)

These films cannot be used for the main film assignment, as they are not completely in Spanish. However they

--and the earth did not swallow him (1995) VHS Agora (2009) Alambrista (1977) Antes que anochezca / Before Night Falls (2000) VHS Auberge espagnole, L' / The Spanish Apartment (2002) Babel (2006) Bella (2006) Bread and Roses (2001) Buena Vista Social Club Cabeza de Vaca (1993) VHS Choking Man (2006) City, The / La ciudad (1998) Frida (2002) Land and Freedom (1995) Letters from the Other Side (2006) Mad Hot Ballroom (2005) Mi familia / My Family (1995) VHS My Life Without Me (2002) Norte, EI / The North (1984) VHS Quinceañera (2006) Real Women Have Curves Romero (1990) VHS Science of Sleep, The (2006) Si sos brujo: una historia de tango (2005) Sin noticias de Dios (2001) Three Burials of Melguiades Estrada (2005)

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A Better Life (2011)

Genre: Drama Rating: PG-13 Length: 98 minutes Country: United States Actors: Demian Bichir, José Julián

A gardener in East L.A. struggles to keep his son away from gangs and immigration agents while trying to give his son the opportunities he never had.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1554091/

Age of Beauty / Belle Epoque (1992)

- Genre: Comedy / Romance
- Rating: R for sexual situations, brief nudity, language, mature themes
- Length: 109 minutes
- Country: Spain / Portugal / France
- Actors: Penélope Cruz, Fernando Fermán Gómez

Fernando, a handsome, young Spanish Civil War soldier deserts the army and befriends a lonely old man in the local village who is a freethinking artist. A romantic dilemma arises when the artist's four beautiful daughters return to their country home and the soldier quickly falls in love with each of them.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0103791/

All About My Mother / Todo sobre mi madre (1999)

Genre:Comedy / DramaRating:R for strong sexual dialogue, language and some drug contentLength:101 minutesCountry:SpainDirector:Pedro AlmodóvarActors:Penélope Cruz, Fernando Fermán Gómez

A single mother in Madrid sees her only son die on his 17th birthday as he runs to seek an actress's autograph. She goes to Barcelona to find the lad's father, a transvestite named Lola who does not know he has a child. First she finds her friend, Agrado, also a transvestite; through him she meets Rosa, a young nun bound for El Salvador, and by happenstance, becomes the personal assistant of Huma Rojo, the actress her son admired. She helps Huma manage Nina, the co-star and Huma's lover, and she becomes Rosa's caretaker during a dicey pregnancy.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0185125/

Alone / Solas (1999)

Genre:DramaRating:R for language and sexual contentLength:101 minutesCountry:Spain

Maria, whose parents live in the country, cannot stand her father's authoritarian ways and moves to the city. She finds a job as a cleaner and tries to survive in a wretched apartment in the shabby part of a big city. She is pregnant, and the fact that her boyfriend has abandoned her does not help matters. When her father goes to the

hospital for an operation, her mother comes to stay with her. Her neighbor, an old recluse whose only friend is his dog, begins to come out of his shell and these three lost souls try to give each other the strength to start over.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0190798/

And Your Mama Too / Y tu mamá también (2001)

Genre:DramaRating:R for strong sexual content involving teens, drug use and languageLength:105 minutesCountry:MexicoActors:Gael García Bernal

Abandoned by their girlfriends for the summer, teenagers Tenoch and Julio meet the older Luisa at a wedding. Trying to be impressive, the friends tell Luisa they are headed on a road trip to a beautiful, secret beach called Boca del Cielo. Intrigued with their story and desperate to escape, Luisa asks if she can join them on their trip. Soon the three are headed out of Mexico City, making their way toward the fictional destination. Along the way, seduction, argument and the contrast of the trio against the harsh realities of the surrounding poverty ensue.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0245574/

The Aura / El aura (2005)

Genre: Thriller Length: 138 minutes Country: Spain / Argentina / France Actors: Ricardo Darín

A quiet, cynic taxidermist, who suffers epilepsy attacks, is obsessed with committing the perfect crime. He claims that the cops are too stupid to find out about it when it's well executed, and that the robbers are too stupid to execute it the right way; and that he could do it himself relying on his photographic memory and his strategic planning skills. After he is invited on a hunting trip away from his home, an accident gives him the chance of his life: the possibility to commit the perfect crime he has been waiting for.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0420509/

Bad Education / Mala educación (2004)

Genre: Drama / Thriller

- Rating: R for strong sexual content throughout, language and some drug use
- Length: 106 minutes
- Country: Spain

Director Pedro Almodóvar

Actors: Gael García Bernal

Enrique, a film director, is visited by his childhood friend and lover from Catholic school, Ignacio, who brings Enrique a short story he has written. The story recounts his molestation by their school principal and literature teacher, Father Manolo. As Enrique begins to adapt the story for film, he uncovers a dangerous web of deceit and revenge.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0275491/

Before Night Falls / Antes que anochezca (2000)

Genre:Biography DramaRating:R for strong sexual content, some language and brief violenceLength:133 minutesCountry:USAActors:Javier Bardem, Sean Penn, Johnny Depp

Notes: Based on the memoir *Antes que anochezca* by Cuban poet and novelist, Reinaldo Arenas (1943-1990)

Cuban poet and novelist Reinaldo Arenas's life is narrated by him, in an inextricable mix of his memories, dreams, nightmares and pure fiction. He grew up as poor, naked illegitimate child, joined Castro's Cuban revolution and became an intellectual, employed in the public library. After discovering his gay sexuality, he soon shares in the regime's inconsistent persecution. His work and life become dominated by the mix of temptation, fear, betrayal and man-hunting in both senses. Finally he makes it to Manhattan, only to get caught in another trap for which there is only one tragic escape in the end.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0247196/

Biutiful (2010)

Genre: Drama
Rating: Rated R for disturbing images, language, some sexual content, nudity and drug use
Length: 148 minutes
Country: Mexico / Spain
Director: Alejandro González Iñárritu
Actors: Javier Bardem

Uxbal, single father of two children, finds his life in chaos as he is forced to deal with his life in order to escape the heat of crime in underground Barcelona, to break with the love for the divorced, manic depressive, abusive mother of his children and to regain spiritual insight in his life as he is diagnosed with terminal cancer.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1164999/

Bella (2006)

Genre: Drama Rating: PG-13 Length: 91 minutes Country: USA / Mexico Language:English / Spanish (can be used for extra credit assignment only)

An international soccer star is on his way to sign a multi-million dollar contract when a series of events unfold that bring his career to an abrupt end. A beautiful waitress, struggling to make it in New York City, discovers something about herself that she's unprepared for. In one irreversible moment, their lives are turned upside down... until a simple gesture of kindness brings them both together, turning an ordinary day to an unforgettable experience.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0482463/

Bolivar I Am / Bolívar soy yo! (2002)

- Genre: Comedy / Drama / History
- Rating: R for some sexuality and brief language
- Length: 93 minutes
- Country: Colombia

An actor gets so involved playing the role of Simón Bolívar in a Colombian soap opera that he believes himself to be the Liberator.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0257282/

Broken Embraces / Abrazos Rotos (2009)

Genre: Romance / Drama / Thriller

Rating: Rated R for sexual content, language and some drug material

Length: 127 minutes

Country: Spain Actors: Penélope Cruz

Passion, obsession, wealth, jealousy, family, guilt, and creativity. In Madrid, Harry Caine is a blind screenwriter, assisted by Judit and her son Diego. The past comes rushing in when Harry learns of the death of Ernesto Martel, a wealthy businessman, and Ernesto's son pays Harry a visit. In a series of flashbacks to the 1990s, we see Harry, who was then Mateo Blanco, a director; he falls in love with Ernesto's mistress, Lena, and casts her in a film, which Ernesto finances. Ernesto is jealous and obsessive, sending his son to film the making of the movie, to follow Lena and Mateo, and to give him the daily footage. Judit doesn't like Lena. It's a collision course.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0913425/

Broken Silence / Silencio roto (2001)

Genre: Drama Length: 110 minutes Country: Spain

Winter, 1944. Lucía at 21 returns to her small village in the mountains. She again meets Manuel, a young ironsmith who helps "those in the mountain", the "maquis", the anti-Franco resistance. Lucía is attracted to Manual, because of his smile and the bravery of those men who continue fighting for their ideas, even at the cost of their own lives. When Manuel is pursued (by Franco's Civil Guard) he flees to the mountain and Lucía discovers the reality of political repression, the silence, the horror and fear.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0275681/

Burnt Money / Plata quemada (2000)

Genre: Action / Drama / Thriller / Crime / Romance

Length: 125 minutes

Country: Spain / France / Argentina / Uruguay

Actors: Eduardo Noriega, Héctor Alterio, Leticia Brédice

Notes: Based on the true story of the legendary crime spree that took place in Argentina / Uruguay in 1965

Angel and Sam are two young, sexy and inseparable killers are known as "los mellizos" ("the twins") because of their resemblance. These two gay lovers turn to crime, bank robbery and murder, holding Argentina and Uruguay in suspense as they lead the authorities on a two-month-long manhunt.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0227277/

Butterfly / La lengua de las mariposas (1999)

Genre:DramaRating:R for a strong sex sceneLength:96 minutesCountry:SpainActors:Fernando Fermán Gómez

For Moncho, it's an idyllic year: he starts school, he has a wonderful teacher, he makes a friend in Roque, he begins to figure out some of the mysteries of Eros, and he makes a trip with his older brother's band. But it's also the year that the Spanish Republic comes under fire from Fascist rebels. Moncho's father is a Republican as is the aging teacher, Don Gregorio. As sides are drawn and power falls clearly to one side, the forces of fear, violence, and betrayal alter profoundly what should be the pleasure of coming of age.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0188030/

Camila (1984)

Genre: Drama / Romance

Rating:R for sex, nudity and violenceLength:105 minutesCountry:Argentina / Spain

In 1840's Buenos Aires, Argentina, a beautiful young socialite named Camila falls in love with Ladislao, a Jesuit priest. After several failed attempts at fighting his own feelings, he ultimately succumbs to her. The two later escape to a far off, secluded village where they assume new identities as husband and wife and begin running a children's school. However, both the church and Camila's family are enraged, vowing to hunt down the lovers for a capital crime. Based on a true story.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0087027/

Captain Pantoja and the Special Services / Pantaleón y las visitadoras (2000)

Genre:Comedy / DramaRating:R for strong sexuality, nudity and languageLength:119 minutesCountry:Peru / SpainNotes:Based on the novel by Mario Vargas Llosa

A dedicated Peruvian army captain (and devoted husband) is chosen to run a top-secret military operation—a special service of 'visitors' to satisfy the sexual needs of the soldiers posted on remote jungle outposts. In a short time has his 'unit' running smoothly, but things get complicated when he starts to feel tempted by one of his "subordinates."

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0190611/

Captive / Cautiva (2003)

Genre: Drama Length: 115 minutes Country: Argentina

Cristina's life is thrown into turmoil when she is suddenly escorted from her strict Catholic school in Buenos Aires and told that she is really Sofía Lombardi, the daughter of activists who disappeared in the '70s. Questioning everything she once thought true, Cristina embarks on a journey to find her true identity. Meeting others like herself, the young girl soon discovers the real-life horrors of Argentina's relatively recent past and the nightmare that claimed tens of thousands of lives during the country's "dirty war."

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0362496/

Carancho (2010)

Genre:Crime / Drama / Romance / ThrillerLength:107 minutesCountry:Argentina/Chile/France/KoreaDirector:Pablo TraperoActors:Ricardo Darín

In Argentina over 8,000 people die in traffic accidents every year. Behind each of these tragedies is a flourishing industry founded on insurance payouts and legal loopholes. Sosa is a lawyer who tours the A&E Departments of the public hospitals and the police stations in search of potential clients. Luján is a young doctor recently arrived from the provinces. Their love story kicks off one night when Luján and Sosa meet in the street. She's trying to save a man's life; he wants him on his client portfolio.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1542852/

Cell 211 / Celda 211 (2009)

Genre: Action / Drama / Thriller Length: 113 minutes Country: Spain Actors: Luis Tosar

Knocked out cold during his first day on the job, prison officer Juan awakens to realize that his co-workers have abandoned him in the middle of an inmate uprising. To survive, Juan must pose as a prisoner and befriend the riot's leader, Malamadre. As the violence escalates and political fallout mounts, Juan must use all his cunning to stay alive in this masterfully suspenseful Spanish thriller.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1242422/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1

Chinese Take-Out (2011)

Genre: Drama/Comedy Length: 93 minutes Country: Argentina Actors: Ricardo Darín, Muriel Santa Ana, Ignacio Huang

In Buenos Aires, the bitter and methodic Roberto is a lonely man and the owner of a hardware store. Roberto collects bizarre worldwide news in an album as a hobby and his acquaintance Mari has an unrequited love for him, but Roberto is always evasive. One day, Roberto sees a Chinese named Jun being expelled from a taxi while he is watching the landing of airplanes in the airport and he helps the man to stand up. Jun does not speak Spanish and shows a tattoo with an address on his arm. Roberto heads to the spot with Jun and discover that the place belonged to Jun's uncle that sold it three and half years ago. Roberto goes with Jun to the police station, to the China's embassy and to a Chinese neighborhood to seek out his uncle but it is a fruitless search. Roberto lodges Jun in his house and after a series of incidents, he finds a delivery boy to translate Jun and he learns the dramatic story of his life.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1705786/?ref_=nv_sr_1

Chronicles / Crónicas (2004)

Genre: Crime / Drama / Thriller Rating: R for violence, a scene of sexuality and language

Length: 108 minutes

Country: Mexico / Ecuador

When the star of a sensationalistic Miami news show travels to the Ecuadorian coastal village of Babahoyo to cover the story of a serial killer who hunts children, his personal ambition gets out of hand, and his pursuit of a moment of glory carries tragic consequences.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0382621/

City of No Limits / En la ciudad sin límites (2002)

Genre: Drama Length: 125 minutes Country: Spain Actors: Fernando Fermán Gómez, Leticia Brédice

Max, a former titan of Spanish industry now living in Paris, has become terminally ill. As his family gathers around him, he talks incessantly about a plot against an old acquaintance of his. What seems in the beginning mere delusions of an old man losing his mind begins to show traces of some sort of real 'secret' that is troubling Max's

last days. Victor decides to take him seriously and investigate his story, to try to help his father to find that something (maybe just peace) he is searching for.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0311072/

Clandestine Childhood (2011)

Genre:Drama/HistoryRating:NRLength:112 minutesCountry:ArgentinaActors:Natalia Oreiro, Ernesto Alterio, César Troncoso

Juan lives in clandestinity. Just like his mum, his dad and his adored uncle Beto, outside his home he has another name. At school, Juan is known as Ernesto. And he meets María, who only has one name. Based on true facts, set in the Argentina of 1979, this film is "one about love".

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1726888/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1

Colors of the Mountain, The / Los colores de la montaña (2010)

Genre: Drama Length: 90 minutes Country: Colombia / Panama

When a 9-year-old Colombian boy receives a new football from his father, his dreams of becoming a pro goalie become ever more magnified -- until the ball accidentally ends up in a minefield by his home, and he must figure out how to recover it.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1715853/?ref_=sr_1

Compassionate Sex / Sexo por compasión (2000)

Genre: Drama Length: 109 minutes Country: Spain / Mexico

Dolores is a mature and kind woman whose husband abandons her because he can't stand her generosity. Desperate to get her husband back, she decides to devote her life to works of charity. She decides that one of her charitable acts is to go to bed with all the other men of the town. Dolores, now known as "Lolita," becomes so famous that all men seek out her help now. It is through her compassionate sex that she brings back the color and the happiness to a town that was immersed in sadness.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0208675/

Confession to Laura / Confesión a Laura (1990)

Genre: Drama Length: 90 minutes Country: Colombia

April 9, 1948, is a pivotal day on Colombian modern history: presidential candidate Jorge Eliécer Gaitán has been assassinated and riots and mayhem are all over Bogotá. An oppressed husband has to spend the day in the home of Laura, a lonely, mature schoolteacher.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0101610/

Crane World / Mundo grúa (1999)

Genre: Comedy / Drama Length: 90 minutes Country: Argentina

Rulo is a 50-year-old ex-bass player from a famous 1970's rock group who now works as a crane operator. When a new laborer arrives on the scene and takes his job, Rulo is forced to leave Buenos Aires as well as his new love, Adriana, and his son Claudio, who hopes to follow in his father's footsteps by forming a band of his own.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0213905/

Crime of Padre Amaro / El crimen del padre Amaro (2002)

Genre:Drama / RomanceRating:R for sexuality, language and some disturbing imagesLength:118 minutesCountry:MexicoActors:Gael García Bernal

Recently ordained a priest, 24-year-old Father Amaro is sent to a small parish church in Los Reyes, Mexico to assist the aging Father Benito in his daily work. Upon arriving in Los Reyes, the ambitious Father Amaro meets Amelia, a beautiful 16-year-old girl whose religious devotion soon becomes helplessly entangles in a growing attraction to the new priest. Amaro soon discovers that corruption and the Church are old acquaintances in Los Reyes. Father Benito has been receiving financial help from the region's drug lord for the construction of a new health clinic. As things become increasingly more complicated in the small community, the walls around Father Amaro begin to crumble. Torn between the divine and the carnal, the righteous and the unjust, Father Amaro must summon his strength to choose which life he will lead.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0313196/

Dark Side of the Heart, The / El lado oscuro del corazón (1992)

Genre:Comedy / Romance / DramaRating:RLength:127 minutesCountry:Argentina / CanadaDirector:Eliseo Subiela

Oliveiro is an idealistic young poet who discovers in a high-class prostitute the very thing he is looking for in a woman—the ability to levitate. Soon he becomes obsessed with finding a way to continue their encounters despite her exorbitant fee. Will this turn out to be the ideal love he has been looking for?

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0104662/

Darkbluealmostblack / Azuloscurocasinegro (2006)

Genre: Drama Length: 105 minutes Country: Spain

When his father suffers a debilitating stroke, Jorge is forced to put his life and career on hold. He takes over his father's janitorial position, cares for his father and studies at night. He finds himself in an awkward position when his convict brother asks him to impregnate his girlfriend who wants a baby, and Jorge finds himself falling for her. To further complicate matters, Jorge's childhood love returns to his life wanting the same.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0452971/

Days of Santiago / Días de Santiago (2004)

Genre:DramaLength:83 minutesCountry:PeruNotes:A re-contextualizing of Scorsese's Taxi Driver

Santiago is a 23-year-old Peruvian Navy veteran returning to the city of Lima; sincere, considerate, deserving, undereducated, desperate and paranoid. He's fought and killed in wars against Ecuador, against terrorists and drug-traffickers. These are horrific conflicts involving real people, peasants: men, women and children. Now he's fighting for a peaceful life, but his discharge pay isn't enough to buy a fridge, he can't get the qualifications he needs, he can't get advice. His only friends are Navy vets, a generation exploited and abandoned; one takes his own life and the rest turn to crime. But Santiago can't give up hope of normality. Taxi driving becomes his lifeline.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0397405/

Devil's Backbone, The / El espinazo del diablo (2001)

Genre:Drama / Crime / Mystery / Fantasy / HorrorRating:R for violence, language, and some sexualityLength:106 minutesCountry:SpainDirector:Guillermo del ToroActors:Eduardo Noriega, Federico Lippi

An orphaned ten-year-old boy named Carlos is left in an orphanage in the middle of nowhere during Spain's civil war. Carlos never feels completely comfortable in his new environment. First, there is the orphanage's nasty caretaker, Jacinto, who reacts violently when anyone is caught looking around a particular storage room with a deep well. Secondly there's the un-exploded bomb that dominates the orphanage's courtyard, still ticking away. Then there is the presence of a ghost, one of the former occupants of the orphanage named Santi. Not long after Carlos' arrival, Santi latches onto Carlos, badgering him incessantly at night and gloomily intoning, "Many of you will die." With the orphanage left defenseless and the swift progression of Franco's troops, the ghost's prediction seems sure to come true. Nevertheless, with every step of the plot, it becomes apparent that the ghost's predictions as to who (or what) will die, the real source of danger and even the definition of death itself may be more ambiguous than first thought.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0256009/

Devil's Miner, The (2005)

Genre: Documentary Length: 82 minutes Country: USA

Two brothers, ages 14 and 12, work deep inside the ancient silver mines of Cerro Rico, Bolivia. They are being raised without a father, and must work the dangerous mines to support their family and to pay for supplies vital to their education. In spite of the daily hazards and the long hours they must work inside the mine, they dream of saving enough money for an education that will lead to a better life.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0441001/

Dog eat dog / Perro come perro (2008)

Genre: Thriller Length: 106 minutes Country: Colombia

In the crime world of Colombia, there is an unwritten code. When Víctor and Eusebio, two hoods who bungle a shake-down job, break that code, they unwittingly sign their own death sentence.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1157631/

Don't Die Without Telling Me Where You're Going / No te mueras sin decirme adónde vas (1995)

Genre:DramaRating:PGLength:130 minutesCountry:ArgentinaDirector:Eliseo Subiela

Leopoldo, a lonely film projectionist has invented a machine to record his dreams. Through a series of odd events, he realizes that he is the reincarnation of one of the inventors of cinema, and discovers that his invention recorded his own dream, in which he loved a woman who lived long ago. When he actually encounters the woman later on, she explains that they've been reincarnated several times and are lovers throughout the ages. But the pair's love is tested when she decides to stop reincarnating and remain dead.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0113992/

Dust to Dust / Por la libre (2000)

Genre: Comedy Rating: R for language, some sexuality and drug use Length: 96 minutes Country: Mexico

During a family dinner in honor of his birthday, patriarch Rodrigo Carnicero drops dead of a heart attack. Among the witnesses are his devoted daughter Pureza and his beloved grandchildren Rocco and Rodrigo. Rocco and Rodrigo are cousins, though completely different; while Rocco is laid-back and hippie-ish, Rodrigo is dour and conservative. One thing Rocco and Rodrigo have in common, however, is their loyalty to their departed grandfather, with whom they enjoyed a closer relationship than with either of their self-absorbed fathers. After Don Rodrigo's death, Rocco and Rodrigo take off in the vintage car left to Rodrigo by his grandfather to dispose of the don's ashes in the manner requested in his will. When they arrive at the beach where their grandfather is to be scattered, Rocco and Rodrigo lodge at a hotel run by Perla and her daughter Maria. Chaos soon results when the urn is lost, Rocco hooks up with Maria for his initiation into sex, and the cousins discover that Perla once enjoyed intimate relations with their beloved grandfather.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0262698/

Elsa & Fred (2005)

Genre: Comedy / Drama / Romance

Rating: PG for some mild thematic elements and language

Length: 108 minutes

Country: Argentina / Spain

Actors: Federico Lippi

Elsa & Fred is a story about two people who, at the end of the road, discover that it's never too late to love-- or dream. Elsa is 82 years-old, while Alfredo is a bit younger than her. After losing his wife, Alfredo feels disturbed and confused, so his daughter suggests it would be best if he moved into a smaller apartment. There he'll meet Elsa. From that moment on, everything changes. Elsa bursts into his life like a whirlwind, determined to teach him that the time he has left to live -- be it more or less -- is precious and that he should enjoy it as he pleases.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0453047/

Erendira / Eréndira (1983)

Genre: Drama / Black Comedy

Rating: Unrated, contains nudity, profanity, violence and sexual content

Length: 103 minutes

Country: Mexico Notes: Based on a portion of the novel *Cien años de soledad* by Gabriel García Márquez

While Eréndira, a beautiful teenage girl, has a surreal mystical vision, her grandmother's house catches on fire and burns to the ground. Her grandmother holds Eréndira responsible and tells her that the only way she can pay off her debt is by being a prostitute, a venture the grandmother organizes with considerable style. Eréndira's surreal mystical experiences continue while her grandmother grows rich from exploiting her. When Eréndira meets a boy she could love she has trouble freeing herself from her grandmother; even murder doesn't work very well.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0085501/

Even the Rain / También la Iluvia (2010)

Genre:Drama / historyLength:103 minutesCountry:Spain / Mexico / FranceActors:Gael García Bernal, Luis TosarNotes:Based on the "Cochabamba Water War" that took place in Bolivia in 2000

In this provocative film-within-a-film, a director heads to Cochabamba, Bolivia, to shoot a movie about the trespasses of Christopher Columbus in the New World, only to find the locals protesting present-day exploitation of the poor.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1422032/?ref_=sr_1

First Night, The / La primera noche (2006)

Genre: Drama Length: 94 minutes Country: Colombia

In the jungles of Colombia, brother is pitted against brother as the country's devastating civil war catches up with their remote village, and the men are forced to take sides. Toño dons the uniform of the army, while his brother Wilson joins the rebels. Meanwhile, the woman they both love flees the massacre that's taken place in their village for the relative safety of Bogotá.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0264946/

Flower of My Secret, The / La flor de mi secreto (1995)

Genre: Drama Rating: R for language and brief sexuality Length: 103 minutes Country: Spain Director: Pedro Almodóvar

Leo writes romance novels with great success – but with a loveless marriage, she finds herself fresh out of inspiration. Angel is a tough journalist with an iron will and a heart of gold. When their paths cross, they discover something neither had expected – a real-life love affair.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0113083/

Flowers From Another World / Flores de otro mundo (1999)

Genre: Drama / Comedy Length: 108 minutes Country: Spain Director: Icíar Bollaín Looking for companionship, a group of lonely Spaniards hold a soiree for single women. But for the most part, their party guests are poor immigrants from third-world countries. Based on a true story, this drama traces the relationships of three new couples, documenting their struggles with clashing cultures, sex and racism.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0193167/

Fortunata and Jacinta / Fortunata y Jacinta (1969)

Genre:DramaLength:108 minutesCountry:Spain / ItalyNotes:Based on the novel by Benito Pérez Galdós

Two women love Juan Santa Cruz. One is his wife; one, his mistress, and the lives of all are intertwined.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0064341/

Funny Dirty Little War / No habrá mas penas ni olvido (1983)

Genre:Drama / ComedyLength:80 minutesCountry:ArgentinaActors:Federico Luppi

A civil war erupts in a quiet rural Argentine village when a local politician calls a municipal clerk a Communist, in this black comedy satirizing political zealots worldwide.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0086017/

Garden of Delights / Jardín de las delicias (1970)

Genre: Drama Length: 90 minutes Country: Spain Director: Carlos Saura

When a wealthy industrialist suffers amnesia, paralysis and the inability to communicate following an automobile accident, his family stages a series of psychodramas to shock his memory to life enough to reproduce his signature and reveal the number of his Swiss bank account, but in the end they are drawn into his limited world.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0065913/

Giant / Gigante (2009)

Genre: Drama Length: 84 minutes Country: Uruguay / Argentina / Germany / Spain / Netherlands

In Montevideo, Jara works the graveyard shift monitoring security cameras at a supermarket. He's about 30, solitary, quiet, and big. He watches TV, likes heavy metal, and sometimes works as a bouncer at a disco. One night he notices one of the cleaning crew, Julia; he watches her via the cameras as she works, then follows some days as she goes to an Internet café, the beach, shopping, or the movies. He stays out of her sight and never talks to her. Thinking she may be hiding somewhere in the store with a male co-worker, Jarita breaks some rules and gets suspended. Then, while watching her one evening, she meets a man. What will Jara do?

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1360866/

Gimme Power / Todo el poder (1999)

Genre:Comedy / DramaRating:R for language and some violenceLength:102 minutesCountry:Mexico

Gabriel is a filmmaker in Mexico City, where he is a victim of crime and violence sometimes even three times a day. This is a black comedy that shows the extreme situation Mexico City is leaving as far as crime is concerned, and the tension the city and its inhabitants live day after day.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0208181/

Girl of Your Dreams, The / La niña de tus ojos (1998)

Genre:Comedy / dramaRating:R for sexual content and languageLength:121 minutesCountry:SpainActors:Penélope Cruz

It's the 1940's, and a small company of actors go from Franco's Spain to Hitler's Germany in order to work on a musical that will be co-produced between the two fascist countries. It doesn't take long before the ideological differences between the German's and the Spaniards begins to emerge...

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0158030/

Grandfather / El abuelo (1998)

Genre:DramaRating:PG for thematic elements and languageLength:151 minutesCountry:SpainActors:Fernando Fermán Gómez

An elderly man returns to Spain after visiting the US during the Gold Rush and losing his fortune. His son has died leaving two daughters, and the son has left a note stating that one of the two is a bastard child. The grandfather hopes to find out which is his true granddaughter.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0176415/

Green Wall, The / La muralla verde (1970)

Genre: Drama / Romance Rating: R Length: 110 minutes Country: Peru

A young couple, determined to escape the pressure of life in Lima, forsakes their urban existence for life and struggle for survival in the exotic but dangerous Peruvian jungle. A haunting story of love, life and survival.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0065798/

Half of Heaven / La mitad del cielo, (1988)

Genre: Drama / Comedy Rating: Unrated, contains brief violence Length: 127 minutes Country: Spain

Actors: Fernando Fermán Gómez

The social rise of a beautiful ambitious peasant girl who is highly resourceful.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0091531/

Headless Woman, The / La mujer sin cabeza (2008)

Genre: Drama / Mystery / Thriller Length: 87 minutes Country: Argentina Director: Lucrecia Martel

A bourgeois woman is driving alone on a dirt road when she becomes distracted and runs over something. In the days following this jarring incident, she becomes dazed and emotionally disconnected from the people and events in her life. She becomes obsessed with the possibility that she may have killed someone. The police confirm that there were no accidents reported in the area and everything returns to normal. That is until a gruesome discovery is made.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1221141/

Holy Girl, The / La niña santa (2004)

Genre: Drama Rating: R for some sexual content and brief nudity Length: 106 minutes Country: Argentina / Italy / Netherlands / Spain Director: Lucrecia Martel

ENT physicians gather at a provincial hotel in Salta. The hotel owner, Helena, is subdued, brittle, avoiding the calls of her ex-husband's pregnant wife. Family dysfunction seems everywhere. Helena's daughter, Amalia, about 14, discusses vocations in a Catholic girls group. Their teen imaginations conflate the erotic, the religious, and the lurid. Amalia notices Dr. Jano, and he notices her. She decides to make him her vocation, she follows him, he rubs against her in a public crowd, he's appalled at his actions. Meanwhile, Helena believes Jano is attracted to her even though he's married. Longing, guilt, scandal, and teen sensuality are set to collide.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0300270/

Holy Innocents, The / Los santos inocentes (1986)

Genre:DramaRating:PGLength:107 minutesCountry:SpainNotes:Based on a novel by Miguel Delibes

Set in Spain in the 60s, this movie tells the story of poor tenant farmers who work for a very wealthy landowner. They have 3 children, one of whom is backward. The others cannot go to school because the master "needs" their work. When the uncle is fired from where he has worked for 61 years, he settles down at their little place.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0088040/

How Much Farther / Qué tan lejos (2006)

Genre: Drama Length: 92 minutes Country: Ecuador Esperanza and Tristeza are two young adventurers who set out on a bus trip through the mountains and coasts of Ecuador. When their bus breaks down, they decide to continue on their own and it is then that their real journey begins. Everyone they meet along the way will make them discover a different facet of themselves and the true meaning of love.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0951297/

If They Tell You I Fell / Si te dicen que caí (1989)

Genre:DramaLength:120 minutesCountry:SpainDirector:Vicente ArandaActors:Victoria Abril, Antonio Banderas

In the post Spanish civil war years, Catalan kids would sit in circles among the ruins and tell stories, known as "aventis" (the film's original title in Catalan, its original language). These tales mix war stories, local gossip, comic book characters, fantasy and real events. The "aventis" told in this film are told in flashback. In the mid 80s, 45 or so years after the age of the "aventis," a doctor and a nurse-nun (who grew up together, and now are co-workers in a hospital) identify the corpse of one of the main characters of the "aventis" of their childhood and adolescence. Besides the interesting flashbacks - a chronicle of the Civil War in a "typical" Barcelona microcosm itself, the discovery of this body (belonging to someone long presumed dead) leads to other surprises and unresolved doubts, several decades later.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0098324/

Innocent Voices / Voces inocentes (2004)

Genre:Drama / WarRating:R for disturbing violence and some languageLength:120 minutesCountry:Mexico

Based on the true story of a now-grown Oscar Torres, this moving film follows the drama of Chava, who becomes the man of the house at 11 when his father abandons the family. Now, trapped in the middle of a civil war in El Salvador during the 1980's, he must choose between enlisting in the Salvadoran army or joining up with a band of guerrillas.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0387914/

Intact / Intacto (2001)

Genre: Thriller / Drama Rating: R for language, some violence and brief nudity

Length: 108 minutes

Country: Spain

An enigmatic tale of four people whose lives are intertwined by destiny are subject to the laws of fate. They discover that luck is something they cannot afford to be without as they gamble with the highest stakes possible in a deadly game from which only one of them will emerge intact. There is Tomas, a young thief and the sole survivor of a horrific plane crash; Federico, who survived a massive earthquake and discovered he has the power to rob those around him of their good fortune with a touch; Sam, a casino owner who is the ultimate survivor after losing everything but his own life in the terrible conflagration that enveloped Europe during the Second World War; and Sara, a policewoman who walked away from a car crash that killed her family and becomes obsessed with uncovering the truth behind a clandestine gambling ring where death and luck intermingle.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0220580/

Invisible Children, The / Los niños invisibles (2001)

Genre: Comedy Length: 90 minutes Country: Colombia

The film is set in the 1930's or 40's in a small Colombian town and tells the story of three children who go through all sorts of adventures and misadventures in order to become invisible. The protagonist's motivation is the secret love he has for his neighbor, a very beautiful but unkind little girl (only she is also secretly in love with him).

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0264944/

Last Images of a Shipwreck / Ultimas imágenes del naufragio (1989)

Genre: Drama Length: 131 minutes Country: Argentina / Spain Director: Eliseo Subiela

Roberto is a man whose inner life has gone dead. He has no interest in his job (selling life insurance) or his family. About the only thing that interests him is his writing, but he currently has writer's block. When he sees a lovely young woman on the verge of throwing herself in front of a train, he can't help himself: he has to stop her. It turns out that the woman, Estela, is only slightly addled: she is a prostitute who uses this rather dramatic technique to pick up men. Interested in her as a character for his novel, he accompanies her home. At one point, the ghosts of her dead relatives get on the bus they are traveling on, but she refuses to speak to them so as to avoid having to speak about her father. Once Roberto gets to her home, he finds it to be a hot-bed of odd characters. Attracted by them to participate in life once more, even if that life is very peculiar, he visits them more and more frequently, and is fired from his job and abandons his wife. Estela has a very personal relationship with Jesus, and seeks his advice on how to get Roberto to notice her as a woman.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0098732/

Law of Desire, The / La ley del deseo (1987)

Genre:Comedy / Drama / RomanceLength:102 minutesCountry:SpainDirector:Pedro AlmodóvarActors:Antonio Banderas, Carmen Maura

Pablo and Tina have complicated sexual lives. Pablo writes and directs plays and films; he's gay and deeply in love with Juan, a young man who won't reply to Pablo's affection or letters. Pablo's sibling Tina is a transsexual, angry at men, raising Ada, and trying to make it as an actress. Pablo takes up with Antonio, a youth who becomes jealous of Pablo's love for Juan. Antonio seeks out Juan, and violence leads to Pablo's grief and a temporary loss of memory. When memory returns, he learns that Antonio has taken up with Tina. In horror, he hurries to Tina's rescue and must face Antonio and his desire.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0093412/

Letters from the Park / Cartas del parque (1989)

Genre: Drama / Romance

Rating: Unrated, contains mature themes

Length: 85 minutes

Country: Spain / Cuba

Notes: Based on the short story by Gabriel García Márquez "Love in the Time of Cholera"

Echoing the tale of Cyrano de Bergerac, this film unfolds as two shy young Cuban lovers enlist the help of the local poet to write passionate letters to each other. But soon the woman becomes the object of the poet's affection, and all are faced with a perplexing dilemma in this sweet and surprising romance. *Media office VHS*

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0094838/

Life According to Muriel / La vida según Muriel (1997)

Genre:DramaRating:PG-13Length:98 minutesCountry:ArgentinaDirector:Eduardo Milewicz

Muriel and her mother leave their home for good and a freak occurrence leaves them stranded in the country. They beg a woman to let them stay and a shaky friendship develops between the two families. Despite the great differences in their approach to life, they work at transforming disappointments and misfortunes into personal victories.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0161061/

Like Water for Chocolate / Como agua para chocolate (1992)

Genre:Drama / Romance / FantasyRating:R for nudity and suggested sexLength:113 minutesCountry:MexicoNotes:Adaptation of the novel by Laura Esquivel

Tita is the youngest of three daughters in a traditional Mexican family. Bound by tradition to remain unmarried while caring for her aging mother, Tita nevertheless falls in love with a handsome young man named Pedro. Pedro returns her affection, but he cannot overcome Mama Elena's disapproval, and decides to marry Tita's elder sister to be nearer to Tita. The lovestruck young woman is brutally disappointed, and her sadness has such force that it infects her cooking: all who eat it her feel her heartbreak with the same intensity. This newly discovered power continues to manifest itself after the wedding, as Tita and Pedro, overcome by their denied love, embark on a secret affair.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0103994/

Lion's Den / Leonera (2008)

Genre: Drama Length: 113 minutes Country: Argentina/Korea/Brazil Director: Pablo Trapero

Julia, a 25 year-old university student, two weeks pregnant, with no criminal record, is sent to prison. Julia murdered the father of her child. This story addresses maternity, jail and Justice; confinement, guilt and solitude; but above all it deals with Julia and her son, Tomas, born inside an Argentinean prison.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1022606/

Little Saints / Santitos (1999)

Genre:DramaRating:R for sexual content and languageLength:105 minutesCountry:Mexico / Spain / France / Canada / USA

Santitos is a character-driven comedy about a young Mexican woman who has to come to terms with the loss of her teenage daughter. Esperanza's daughter Blanca suddenly and mysteriously dies in the hospital where she

was having her tonsils removed. Shortly afterward, the vision of a saint appears on the greasy glass door of the oven, telling Esperanza that Blanca is not dead. Despite warnings from her best friend and the local priest, she embarks on an incredible journey across the country and over the border that helps her shed her inhibitions one by one. Out comes a different Esperanza, a liberated independent woman who is also sexually uninhibited.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0126651/

Live Flesh / Carne trémula (1997)

Genre:	Drama / Romance / Thriller
Rating:	R for strong sexuality, language and some drug content
Length:	103 minutes
Country:	Spain
Director:	Pedro Almodóvar
Actors:	Penélope Cruz, Javier Bardem

Pizza delivery man Victor is having an argument with Elena, whom he met a few days ago, but she was high then and doesn't want to hear about him. Reacting to the noise, two cops, young David and older Sancho, arrive at the scene, the gun accidentally goes off. Four years later David is a wheelchair basketball star, he's married to Elena, Victor is released out of prison and their destinies begin to cross again.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0118819/

Lost Embrace / Abrazo partido, El (2004)

Genre: Comedy Length: 100 minutes Country: Argentina Director: Daniel Burman

This is Ariel's world: the small, slightly seedy shopping center in downtown Buenos Aires, where the Italian shopkeepers scream all day, the Koreans sell feng-shui and old Osvaldo sells nothing. Where Ariel's mother runs a lingerie shop and his brother deals in import-export. It's a comfortable little world, in spite of an undercurrent of malaise and uncertainty. Many young people are searching for their immigrant roots to obtain a coveted foreign passport, the key to a world full of promise. Ariel, however, wants more than a passport from Poland, where his grandparents fled to escape the Holocaust. He wants to understand. Why his father left his family shortly after his birth to fight a war in Israel. Why he never returned. And why this seems to leave his mother and brother indifferent...But the truth changes. And when Ariel's father returns, he brings with him new truths, a new story and, ultimately, a long-overdue embrace--one that had been lost for so long.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0366137/

Love Affair / Ya no los hacen como antes (2003)

Genre: Comedy Length: 90 minutes Country: Mexico

Recently widowed, Benito faces the jealousy of his daughters when, reunited by an old ford car, he finds a new love and new meaning for his life.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0368452/

Love, the Magician / El amor brujo (1987)

Genre:Music / DramaRating:PG for brief, stylized violence and references to sex in lyricsLength:100 minutesCountry:Spain

Director: Carlos Saura

On Candela and José's wedding day, he gets into a brawl and is stabbed to death. Candela eventually remarries, but her new husband soon discovers that every night at midnight, she is compelled to arise from her bed and dance with the ghost of José.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0090636/

Love's a Bitch / Amores perros (2000)

Genre:Drama / ThrillerRating:R for violence/gore, language and sexualityLength:153 minutesCountry:MexicoDirector:Alejandro González IñárrituActors:Gael García Bernal

Three different people are catapulted into dramatic and unforseen circumstances in the wake of a terrible car crash: a young punk stumbles into the sinister underground world of dog fighting; an injured supermodel's designer pooch disappears into the apartment's floorboards; and an ex-radical turned hit man rescues a Rotweiler with a gunshot wound.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0245712/

Lovers of the Arctic Circle / Amantes del círculo polar (1998)

Genre:Drama / RomanceRating:R for sexuality and brief languageLength:112 minutesCountry:Spain / FranceDirector:Julio Medem

Otto and Ana are children when they meet each other. Their names are palindromes. They meet by chance, people are related by chance. A story of circular lives, with circular names, and a circular place where the day never ends in the midnight sun.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0133363/

Machuca (2004)

Genre: Drama Length: 121 minutes Country: Chile Actors: Federico Lippi

In 1973, under of the first socialist president democratically elected in a Latin-American country, the principal of the Saint Patrick School makes a trial of integration between students of the upper and lower classes. The bourgeois boy Gonzalo Infante and the boy from the slum Pedro Machuca become great friends, while the conflicts on the streets leads Chile to the bloody and repressive military coup of General Augusto Pinochet on 11 September 1973, changing definitely their lives, their relationship and their country.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0378284/

Mad Love / Juana la loca (2001)

Genre:Drama / Romance / Period Film / Historical FilmRating:R for sexuality / nudityLength:115 minutesCountry:Italy / Spain / Portugal

Director: Vicente Aranda

In 1496, Juana of Castille, daughter of the Catholic Kings, travels to Flanders to marry the son of the emperor of Austria, known as 'El Hermoso' (The Handsome). In the beginning the marriage is merely a political decision, but soon passion and desire awake between them. When her mother and older brothers die in 1504, Juana becomes queen of Spain. The discovery that her husband has many lovers begins to threaten Juana's mental health. Felipe, seeing his wife in these circumstances, calls on the Burgos Court to declare Juana insane and proclaim him king, sending Juana to live as a recluse at the Monastery of Las Huelgas.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0270480/

The Maid / La nana (2009)

Genre: Drama Length: 95 minutes Country: Chile / Mexico Director: Sebastian silva

The story of how a maid called Raquel, who has worked for over 20 years in one affluent Chilean household, rediscovers herself. La Nana is a microcosm of Latin social hierarchy while also focusing on one woman's journey to free herself from a mental servitude of her own making.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1187044/

Man Facing Southeast / Hombre mirando al sudeste (1986)

Genre: Drama Rating: R Length: 105 minutes Country: Argentina Director: Eliseo Subiela

A man named Rantes suddenly appears in a Buenos Aires psychiatric hospital expertly playing the organ. He has no recorded identity and claims to come from another planet to study humans and their behavior. The "alien" gently criticizes humans for their harsh treatment of each other. The other patients, intrigued by his understanding, see him as their only source of hope. Most of the doctors dismiss Rantes' claims as a simple case of paranoid delusion. The assigned psychiatrist is affected by the patient's insight, but he is ordered to treat the patient according to institutional procedure.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0091214/

Maria Full of Grace / María llena eres de gracia (2004)

Genre:Drama / Thriller / CrimeRating:R for drug content and languageLength:101 minutesCountry:Colombia

María, a poor Colombian teenager, is desperate to leave a soul-crushing job. She accepts an offer to transport packets of heroin - which she swallows - to the United States. The ruthless world of drug trafficking proves to be more than she bargained for.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0390221/

Mariachi / El mariachi (1992)

Genre:Action / Crime / Thriller / WesternRating:R for strong violenceLength:81 minutes

Country: USA / Mexico

Director: Robert Rodriguez

Notes: This is a sort of "home-made" movie by the director of Desperado, before he was a big Hollywood director, shot on a budget of less than \$7000, using the director's friends as actors

All he wants is to be a Mariachi like his father, his grandfather, and his great-grandfather before him. But the town he thinks will bring him luck instead brings only a curse of deadly mistaken identity. Mistaken for a killer who carries his guns in a guitar case, the Mariachi is playing for his life.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0104815/

Mariachi Gringo (2012)

Genre:Comedy/RomanceRating:N/RLength:107 minutesCountry:MexicoActors:Shawn Ashmore, Martha Higareda, Kate Burton

A stifled, small-town man stuck in a dead end life, runs away to Mexico to be a mariachi singer. MARIACHI GRINGO is a musical tour-de-force exploring the reality of "following your dreams"

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1239374/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1

The Method / El método (2005)

Genre: Drama / Thriller Length: 115 minutes Country: Argentina / Spain / Italy

During anti-globalist demonstrations which upset Madrid, like other capitals, major corporation Dekia holds interviews to recruit a top executive from seven applicants. Their doubts start when they have to sign a clause accepting the Grönholm method, which nobody ever heard of. It soon becomes clear the tests are dirty mind games, but never what is true and what the trick. They must guess who among them is the HR mole, and repeatedly eliminate one of their number from the procedure. Their priorities, ethics and loyalty are put through stressing tests.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0427582/

Midaq Alley / Callejón de los milagros (1995)

Genre: Drama Length: 140 minutes Country: Mexico Actors: Salma Hayek

Based on the Nobel Prize Winner's novel, the Egyptian Naguib Mahfouz. The story, translated from El Cairo to Mexico City's downtown, narrates the life of the members of the neighborhood and the connection between them Don Ru, the owner of the local pub; Eusebia, his wife; Guicho, his son and Abel his friend, who emigrate to USA in search of fortune; Susanita, the single landlord always dreaming to marry a good man; Jimmy, the pub's employee, who extracts the money when Don Ru is not there and finally marries Susanita; Alma, the very good looking girl, the Abel's dream, who becomes a luxury prostitute while he's away.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0112619/

Martin (H) / Martín (Hache) (1997)

Genre: Drama Length: 123 minutes Country: Spain / Argentina Actors: Federico Lippi, Cecilia Roth

Martin, who lives with his mother in Argentina, is 19 years old and seems only to be interested in rock music and drugs. After a nearly fatal drug overdose, his father agrees to let his son come and live with him in Madrid, Spain, where he lives with his young lover Alicia and a gay actor Dante. Although the boy's father tries to reach out to him, Martín is unable to connect with anyone, including his young girlfriend.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0119626/

Matador (1986)

Genre:Drama / ThrillerRating:NC-17 for aberrant sexuality including violenceLength:110 minutesCountry:SpainDirector:Pedro AlmodóvarActors:Antonio Banderas, Carmen Maura

Ex-bullfighter who is getting turned on by killing, lady lawyer with same problem and young man driven insane by over-religious upbringing - these are the main characters in this stylish black comedy about dark sides of human nature.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0091495/

Mine Alone / Sólo mía (2001)

Genre: Drama Length: 100 minutes Country: Spain Actors: Paz Vega

For Angela and Joaquin it was love at first sight, and then destiny followed. For a few months, their marriage was perfect, and when she became pregnant, they both felt blessed. After the birth of their baby, things changed. Joaquin changed, showing signs of a hidden personality - one fueled by jealousy and anger. It was not long before he physically started taking out his frustrations on Angela. Frustrated by a system that offered her no help, Angela decides to take matters into her own hands.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0303120/

Mondays in the Sun / Los lunes al sol, Los (2002)

Genre: Drama Rating: R for language Length: 113 minutes Country: Spain Actors: Javier Bardem, Luis Tosar

Laid off from the local shipyard, six men spend their days at the town bar, where they discuss their current state. Gruff puts up a tough front. The morose José openly worries about his wife, whom he fears might leave him. Amador, the oldest of the bunch, keeps reassuring everyone that his wife will be back any day now from her trip. Meanwhile, Lino refuses to give up hope of employment, going to interview after interview alongside applicants half his age. Presiding over the glum bunch is Rico, the bar owner and the men's co-worker from their shipyard days.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0319769/

Motorcycle Diaries / Diarios de Motocicleta (2004)

Genre: Adventure / Biography / Drama
Rating: R for language
Length: 128 minutes
Country: USA / Germany / UK / Argentina / Chile / Peru / France
Actors: Gael García Bernal
Notes: An adaptation of a journal written by Ernesto "Che" Guevara

In his memoirs, Guevara recounts adventures he, and best friend Alberto Granado, had while crossing South America by motorcycle in the early 1950s when he was 23 years old. Typical college students seeking fun and adventure before graduation, they decide to travel across Argentina, Chile, Brazil and Peru in order to do their medical residency at a leper colony. Beginning as a road movie in which Ernesto and Alberto are looking for chicks, fun and adventure before they must grow up and have a more serious life. As is said in the film itself, it's about "two lives running parallel for a while." The two best friends start off with the same goals and aspirations, but by the time the film is over, it's clear what each man's destiny has become.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0318462/

My Brother's Wife / La mujer de mi hermano (2005)

Genre:DramaRating:R for sexuality and languageLength:89 minutesCountry:Mexico

After almost 10 years of marriage, attractive Zoe realizes that her marriage lacks passion, and is seduced by the possibility of finding those sensations already forgotten in her husband's brother younger. Her decision leads these three characters to a dangerous game of revenges, secrets and passions as they struggle to understand who they are and what they want from life.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0463345/

My Best Enemy / My mejor enemigo (2005)

Genre: Comedy / Drama Country: Argentina / Chile / Spain

My Best Enemy tells the story of a 5 man Chilean patrol lost in Argentine Patagonia during the Beagle conflict of December 1978. The patrol not knowing that they were in Argentine territory build a trench in the middle of the Patagonian plains. Then when they are ready they discover an Argentine trench in front of them. At the beginning Chileans steal food from the better equipped Argentine soldiers but later both patrols end up playing football and even eat a barbecue together.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0410316/

Night with Sabrina Love, A / Una noche de Sabrina Love (2000)

Genre:Comedy / DramaLength:100 minutesCountry:ArgentinaDirector:Alejandro AgrestiActors:Cecilia Roth

Daniel, a 17-year-old movie-lover from one of Argentina's smallest towns, enters an unusual letter-writing competition. The prize is a night of possibly carnal camaraderie with one of the country's biggest and most enigmatic porn stars, Sabrina Love, in the big city of Buenos Aires. But can Daniel make his way to the metropolis in time? And what actually awaits him there?

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0247887/

Nine Queens / Nueve reinas (2000)

Genre:Crime / Drama / MysteryRating:R for languageLength:114 minutesCountry:ArgentinaActors:Ricardo Darín

Two small-time grifters team up to sell a big-time score involving a counterfeit set of rare and valuable stamps known as the Nine Queens. As the deceptions mount, it become more and more difficult to figure out who is conning whom.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0247586/

<u>No (2012)</u>

Genre:Drama / HistoryRating:R for languageLength:118 minutesCountry:Chile / USA / France / MexicoActors:Gael García Bernal

In this engaging drama from Chile, Gael García Bernal portrays René Saavedra, a hot-shot ad executive who creates a controversial media campaign opposing military dictator Augusto Pinochet during the referendum on his presidency in 1988.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2059255/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1

No One Writes to the Colonel / El coronel no tiene quien le escriba (1999)

Genre:DramaLength:118 minutesCountry:MexicoActors:Salma HayekNotes:Adaptation of the novel by Gabriel García Márquez

An old Colonel goes to the post office every Friday to see if his long-awaited pension has come through. He knows that it won't, and so does his wife. Both of them are grieving the death of their son the year before, but the colonel has a mission: to defy the grim routine of poverty and show that a broken heart still beats with a vengeance.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0132905/

Nobody Knows Anybody / Nadie conoce a nadie (1999)

Genre:ThrillerRating:R for strong sexuality, violence and languageLength:105 minutesCountry:SpainActors:Paz Vega, Eduardo Noriega

Amid the spectacular festivities of Holy Week in Seville, an aspiring novelist struggles with his work and pays his bills by composing crossword puzzles. A cryptic recording left on his answering machine demands that he include a certain word in a future puzzle, and he becomes drawn into a spiraling tangle of mystery, danger and confusion. Soon he's forced into participating in a real-life version of a computer game on the narrow streets of Seville, the stakes being extremely high for the entire city.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0209174/

Official Story, The / La historia oficial (1985)

Genre: Drama Rating: R for violence Length: 112 minutes) Country: Argentina

An Argentine teacher lives in blissful ignorance of the evils perpetrated by her country's government. Over time, however, her students' rejection of the "official" versions of their history leads her to question things herself. Suspecting that her adopted daughter was taken from a woman who is among Argentina's "disappeared," (i.e., a likely victim of violent political repression), she attempts to unearth the truth. Soon everything about her life with her husband begins to look doctored and glossed-over to her. The mounting suspicion and conflict between husband and wife lead toward an astonishing eruption of suppressed feelings, a release of buried truths so abhorrent that the illusions of her past life are irrevocably shattered. This is more than the story of one wobbly marital union; it is an allegory for a nation fearing its recent past.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0089276/

Open your eyes / Abre los ojos (1997)

- Genre: Drama / Romance / Sci-Fi / Thriller
- Rating: R for strong sexuality, language, and some violence
- Length: 117 minutes
- Country: Spain / France / Italy
- Actors: Penélope Cruz, Eduardo Noriega
- Director: Alejandro Amenábar
- Notes: Vanilla Sky was a remake of this original Spanish movie

A young playboy takes all he has for granted: his inherited fortune, his good looks, and his life as a renowned womanizer. Just when he meets a woman with whom he might be truly falling in love, a jilted former lover tries to kill him by crashing the car they're driving. He becomes horribly disfigured, with no chance, it seems, of winning the woman he loves. Now he is in jail and talking to a sympathetic psychiatrist, who tries to get to the truth behind a mysterious death.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0125659/

Orphanage, The / El orfanato (2007)

Genre: Drama / Horror / Mystery / Thriller Rating: R for some disturbing content Length: 105 minutes

Country: Mexico / Spain

With fond memories of the seaside orphanage where she was raised, Laura persuades her husband to help her revamp it as a facility for disabled children. But once they move in, their son Simón begins to exhibit dark and disturbing behavior. As Laura tries to understand Simón's increasingly malevolent actions, she becomes drawn into the house's terrifying secrets.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0464141/

Other Side of the Bed, The / El otro lado de la cama (2002)

Genre:Comedy / Drama / MusicalRating:R for sexuality/nudity and languageLength:114 minutesCountry:SpainActors:Paz Vega

In Madrid, two young couples are on a quest to find endless happiness together -- if only each of them could decide who it is they want to end up with. As they trade lovers over and over again, they find none of the bliss they were searching for, and a palpable erotic friction begins to grow between them.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0301524/

Over at the Big Ranch / Allá en el rancho grande (1936)

Genre: Comedy / Musical / Romance / Drama Length: 95 minutes Country: Mexico

The owner and the general manager of a ranch (Rancho Grande), two good friends, fall in love with the same girl at the same time. The owner tries to 'buy' the girl without knowing she is in love with the manager.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0027277/

Pan's Labyrinth / El laberinto del Fauno (2006)

Genre:Drama / Fantasy / ThrillerRating:R for graphic violence and some languageLength:119 minutesCountry:SpainDirector:Guillermo del ToroActors:Federico Luppi

When young Ofelia and her mother go to live with her new stepfather on a rural military outpost, she finds herself in a world of unimaginable cruelty. Soon Ofelia finds the creatures of her imagination in which she used to escape have become a reality and she must battle them to save both her mother and herself. In the terrifying battle that ensues, Ofelia soon learns that innocence has a power that evil cannot imagine.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0457430/

Paraiso travel (2009)

Genre: Action / Drama / Romance

Rating: R for strong sexual content, nudity, language, brief drug use and some violence

Length: 116 minutes

Country: Colombia

Actors: John Leguizamo

Marlon Cruz, a young Colombian man, is motivated by his beautiful girlfriend Reina leaves his life in Colombia to illegally cross the border and find fortune in New York. Marlon's journey, which takes him to through seedy strip clubs, dance halls, homeless hostels, and the streets of Jackson Heights, ultimately takes him to a place he could have never predicted.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0475860/

Pellet / El bola (2000)

Genre: Drama Length: 88 minutes Country: Spain

El Bola, a.k.a. "Pellet" is a 12-year-old boy raised in a violent and sordid environment. Embarrassed by his family life, he avoids becoming close to classmates. The arrival of a new boy at school changes his attitude towards his classmates, and friendship. The heart of the story is the change in El Bola's life, at almost all levels, after befriending this new classmate.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0243794/

Perfect Crime, The / El crimen perfecto (2004)

Genre: Black Comedy / Crime / Thriller Length: 105 minutes Country: Spain

Rafael, a top department store salesman with his pick of the comely female staff, thinks he has the perfect life -that is, until a rivalry with co-worker Don Antonio, ends in murder, and Rafael must find an alibi. Lourdes, the one salesgirl Rafael has hitherto spurned, comes to his aid, but at a price.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0395125/

Place in the World, A / Un lugar en el mundo (1999)

Genre: Drama Length: 120 minutes Country: Argentina Actors: Federico Lippi, Cecilia Roth

Mario and Ana, in voluntary exile from Buenos Aires, live in a remote Argentine valley with their 12-year-old son Ernesto. Mario runs a school and a wool cooperative; Ana, a doctor, heads a clinic with Nelda, a progressive nun. Into this idealistic family comes Hans, a jaded Spanish geological engineer -- surveying the land for the local patron, to see if it can be dammed for hydro-electric power, which would drive the peasants from the land into the cities.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0104774/

Princesses / Princesas (2005)

Genre: Drama Length: 113 minutes Country: Spain

Although she's the product of an average, middle-class Spanish family, Cayeworks as a prostitute, spending her days hanging out at a hair salon, dreaming of a better life and complaining about her low-class, immigrant competition. That is, until she meets Zulema, a recent arrival from the Dominican Republic who prompts Caye to reconsider her attitude toward her sister streetwalkers

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0434292/

Private Lives / Vidas privadas (2001)

Genre:DramaLength:97 minutesCountry:Spain / ArgentinaDirector:Fito PáezActors:Gael García Bernal, Héctor Alterio

Carmen Uranga is a 42 year-old woman who after 20 years jurisdiction of her native country (Argentina), returns to solve a family problem related with the inheritance that her sick father wants to leave him. Their return trip results in the unavoidable memories of the torture that was object during the dictatorship and a dramatic revelation.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0288869/

Rodrigo D: No future / Rodrigo D: No futuro (1990)

Genre: Drama Length: 93 minutes Country: Colombia

Rodrigo, a poor and troubled teenager in the barrios of Medellin, Colombia, struggles to find hope in a world ravaged by violence and chaos. An aspiring drummer in a punk band, he uses his music to try to drive the despair out of his head.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0100508/

Rose Seller, The / Vendedora de rosas, La (1998)

Genre: Drama Length: 116 minutes Country: Colombia

In the two days leading up to Christmas, a thirteen year-old Colombian street kid tries to sell roses for money. Surrounded by a group of fellow runaways and orphans who all get by through robbery, prostitution, and drugs, Monica hopes that there will at least be some sort of party to attend over the holidays.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0157154/

Running Out of Time / Días contados (1994)

Genre: Drama / Thriller Length: 94 minutes Country: Spain Actors: Javier Bardem

Antonio, a member of an ETA terrorist cell that is hatching a plot against Madrid, challenges his priorities when he falls in love with Charo, a beautiful drug addict 12 years younger than he.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0109699/

Same Love, Same Rain / El mismo amor, la misma lluvia (1999)

Genre: Comedy / Romance Length: 100 minutes Country: Argentina Director: Juan José Campanella Actors: Ricardo Darín

Jorge Pellegrini, a would-be serious writer turned hack and Laura Ramallo, an idealistic actress meet and fall in love. Their initial romance ends with their breakup but they will have repeated encounters against the backdrop of Argentina's changing political situation until their final encounter almost two decades later.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0210843/

Sammy and I / Samy y yo (2002)

Genre:Comedy / DramaLength:85 minutesCountry:ArgentinaDirector:Eduardo MilewiczActors:Ricardo Darín

Goldstein, a script writer for a TV show, decides to leave everything aside when his 40th birthday approaches and nothing seems to be going as planned. His mother becomes a pop icon when she is featured on a television show

where she talks about his shortcomings. Just when his self-esteem can't get any lower, in comes Mary, who's about to change his life into a success story.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0293567/

Sea Inside, The / Mar adentro (2004)

Genre:DramaRating:PG-13 for intense depiction of mature thematic materialLength:125 minutesCountry:SpainDirector:Alejandro AmenábarActors:Javier Bardem

This film recounts the life story of Spaniard Ramón Sampedro, who fought a 30-year campaign to win the right to end his life with dignity. The story explores Ramón's relationships with two women: Julia, a lawyer who supports his cause, and Rosa, a local woman who wants to convince him that life is worth living. Despite his wish to die, Ramón taught everyone he encountered the meaning, value and preciousness of life.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0369702/

The Secret in Their Eyes / El secreto de sus ojos (2009)

Genre:Drama / ThrillerRating:Rated R for a rape scene, violent images, some graphic nudity and languageLength:129 minutesCountry:Spain / ArgentinaDirector:Juan Jose CampanellaActors:Ricardo Darín

In 1999, retired Argentinian federal justice agent Benjamín Espósito is writing a novel, using an old closed case as the source material. That case is the brutal rape and murder of Liliana Coloto. In addition to seeing the extreme grief of the victim's husband Ricardo Morales, Benjamín, his assistant Pablo Sandoval, and newly hired department chief Irene Menéndez-Hastings were personally affected by the case as Benjamín and Pablo tracked the killer, hence the reason why the unsatisfactory ending to the case has always bothered him. Despite the department already having two other suspects, Benjamín and Pablo ultimately were certain that a man named Isidoro Gómez is the real killer. Although he is aware that historical accuracy is not paramount for the novel, the process of revisiting the case is more an issue of closure for him. He tries to speak to the key players in the case.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1305806/

Secrets of the Heart / Secretos del corazón (1997)

Genre: Drama Length: 108 minutes Country: Spain Director: Montxo Armendáriz

Living in a small Spanish village in the 1960s, 9-year-old Javi and his friend, Carlos, visit an old, supposedly haunted house. Javi believes he can hear the voices of the house's dead, which are telling him secrets left unspoken in life. At his mother's house, the always-locked room in which his father died fascinates Javi, and he begins to investigate the mysteries of the dead, soon realizing the living have a few secrets of their own.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0120090/

Secuestro Express (2005)

Genre: Action / Crime / Drama / Thriller

Rating: R for strong violence, drug use, sexuality and language

Length: 86 minutes Country: Venezuela

In a night pregnant with a strange mix of tension and dizzy abandon, lovers Carla and Martin prowl clubs before drunkenly wandering back to his car. While he comes across as crass nouveau riche, she appears more liberal. Their conspicuous affluence, however, makes them ideal targets for kidnappers, and the trio of Trece, Budu and Niga gets a bead on them and promptly sweeps them up at gunpoint. The kidnappers then demand \$20,000 to be delivered in two hours. Carla phones her rich father Sergio to procure the money, but chaos soon ensues. A botched ATM robbery is followed by a stopover at the palatial estate of a gay drug dealer.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0371939/

Sex and Lucia / Lucía y el sexo (2001)

Genre:Drama / RomanceRating:R for strong sexual content and languageLength:128 minutesCountry:SpainDirector:Julio MedemActors:Paz Vega

Lucía is a young waitress in a restaurant in the centre of Madrid. After the loss of her long-time boyfriend, a writer, she seeks refuge on a quiet, secluded Mediterranean island. There, bathed in an atmosphere of fresh air and dazzling sun, Lucía meets a man and begins to discover the dark corners of her past relationship.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0254455/

Sidewalls/Medianeras (2011)

Genre:Drama / ComedyRating:N/RLength:95 minutesCountry:ArgentinaDirector:Gustavo TarettoActors:Javier Drolas, Pilar López de Ayala

Martín and Mariana are slightly damaged people who live in buildings just opposite one another. While they often don't notice each other, separation might be the very thing that brings them together.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1235841/

Skin I live in, The / La piel que habito

Genre:Drama / ThrillerRating:Rated RLength:117 minutesCountry:SpainActors:Antonio Banderas, Elena AnayaDirector:Pedro Almodovar

A brilliant plastic surgeon, haunted by past tragedies, creates a type of synthetic skin that withstands any kind of damage. His guinea pig: a mysterious and volatile woman who holds the key to his obsession.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1189073/

Sleep Tight / Mientras duermes (2011)

Genre: Thriller Rating: N/R Length: 102 minutes Country: Spain Director: Jaume Balagueró Actors: Luis Tosar, Marta Etura, Alberto San Juan

A psychological thriller set in a slightly superior but shabby art nouveau apartment house in Barcelona, which is at the mercy of an embittered concierge, César Marcos (Luis Tosar), a sad psychopath on the brink of middle age. César has it in for the world and especially the tenants he's supposed to be helping, and the picture is a frightening study of unmotivated malevolence.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1437358/

Son of the Bride / El hijo de la novia (2001)

Genre:Comedy / DramaRating:R for languageLength:123 minutesCountry:ArgentinaDirector:Juan José CampanellaActors:Ricardo Darín, Héctor Alterio

At age 42, Rafael Belvedere is having a crisis. He lives in the shadow of his father, he feels guilty about rarely visiting his aging mother, his ex-wife says he doesn't spend enough time with their daughter and he has yet to make a commitment to his girlfriend. At his lowest point, a minor heart attack reunites him with Juan Carlos, a childhood friend, who helps Rafael to reconstruct his past and look at the present in new ways.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0292542/

Spirit of the Beehive, The / El espíritu de la colmena (1973)

Genre: Drama Length: 95 minutes Country: Spain

In Castile during the 1940's, a traveling movie theater brings James Whale's black and white film classic "Frankenstein" to a village. Two young girls, Isabel and Ana, determine to find the Monster.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0070040/

Strawberry and Chocolate / Fresa y chocolate (1994)

Genre:Comedy / DramaLength:108 minutesCountry:Mexico / Cuba / Spain / US

Diego, a cultivated, homosexual and skeptical young man, falls in love with a young heterosexual communist full of prejudices and doctrinary ideas. First come rejection and suspicion, but also fascination. Fresa y chocolate is the story of a great friendship, that is, a great love between two men, which overcomes incomprehension and intolerance.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0106966/

Streeters / De la calle (2001)

Genre: Drama Length: 84 minutes

Country: Mexico

Rufino (15) roams the streets of Mexico City. He tries his best to look after the youngest homeless children who survive on a diet of glue and hash and sleep in the sewers at night. Rufino earns some money doing hard and dirty work, such as moving meat around a slaughterhouse. Rufino sells a bag of cocaine for Ochoa, a corrupt cop who has Rufino's district in his power and is also the lover of Rufino's adoptive mother. He decides to use the money to flee the city with his girlfriend and her baby. Ochoa sets off after them. Just as Rufino seems able to escape, he finds out that his real father is still alive. Obsessed by this knowledge, Rufino doesn't want to leave until he has found his father.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0279765/

Swamp, The / La ciénaga (2001)

Genre: Comedy / Drama Length: 103 minutes Country: Argentina / France / Spain Director: Lucrecia Martel

Chekhov in contemporary Argentina. Mecha and Gregorio are at their rundown country place near La Ciénaga with their teen children. It's hot. The adults drink constantly; Mecha cuts herself, engendering a trip to the hospital and a visit from her son José. A cousin, Tali, brings her children. The kids are on their own, sunbathing by the filthy pool, dancing in town, running in the hills with shotguns, driving cars without licenses. One of the teen girls loves Isabel, a family servant constantly accused of stealing. Mother and son, son and sisters, teen and Isabel are in each other's beds and bathrooms with a creepy intimacy. With no adults paying attention, who's at risk?

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0240419/

Take My Eyes / Te doy mis ojos (2003)

Genre: Drama / Romance Length: 90 minutes Country: Spain Director: Icíar Bollaín

A terrified Pilar flees from her violent husband Antonio and seeks refuge in her sister's home for herself and her son. Away from her abusive husband, Pilar is determined to start a new life. Yet the passionate Antonio seeks to hang onto Pilar, whom he says is the apple of his eye, and the bond between them runs deep...

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0350193/

Talk to Her / Hable con ella (2002)

Genre:DramaRating:R for nudity, sexual content and some languageLength:114 minutesCountry:SpainDirector:Pedro AlmodóvarActors:Paz Vega, Cecilia Roth

After a chance encounter at a theater, two men, Benigno and Marco, meet at a private clinic where Benigno works. Lydia, Marco's girlfriend and a bullfighter by profession, has been gored and is in a coma. It so happens that Benigno is looking after another woman in a coma, Alicia, a young ballet student. The lives of the four characters will flow in all directions, past, present and future, dragging all of them towards an unsuspected destiny.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0287467/

Tango Bar (1988)

Genre: Drama / Musical Length: 90 minutes Country: Argentina / Puerto Rico

Antonio returns to Argentina from political exile and reunites with his old partner Ricardo at Ricardo's bar. With several talented dancers, the partners stage a cabaret. Ricardo narrates and Antonio sings, taking their audience through the history and meaning of the tango, a dance from the mean streets of the poor. Now that Antonio is back, there is also tension with Ricardo, because both have a history with Elena, and both love her. After the singing, the dancing and the talking end, with which man will she want to tango?

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0096221/

Tear This Heart Out / Arrancame la vida (2008)

Genre:DramaRating:Rated R for some strong sexual content, nudity and languageLength:107 minutesCountry:MexicoActors:Ana Claudia Talancon / Daniel Gimenez Cacho / Jose Maria de TaviraDirector:Roberto Sneider

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1130981/

Thesis / Tesis (1996)

Genre:Horror / ThrillerRating:Rated R for strong and perverse violent content, brief strong sexuality and strong languageLength:125 minutesCountry:SpainActors:Eduardo NoriegaDirector:Alejandro Amenabar

Why is death and violence so fascinating? Is it morally correct to show violence in movies? If so, is there a limit to what we should show? That's the subject of Ángela's examination paper. She is a young student at a film school in Madrid. Together with the student Chema (who is totally obsessed with violent movies) they find a snuff movie in which a young girl is tortured and killed. Soon they discover that the girl was a former student at their school.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0117883/

Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down / ¡Átame! (1990)

Genre:Comedy / Romance / CrimeRating:NC-17 for profanity and explicit sexual contentLength:111 minutesCountry:SpainActors:Antonio Banderas, Victoria AbrilDirector:Pedro Almodóvar

When orphaned Ricky is released from the mental hospital, he is determined to create an ideal family for himself. In his mind the best way to do this is to hunt down and kidnap a recovering drug addict/porn star that he once had sex with and then to try to convince that she will grow to love her as much as he loves her.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0101026/

To Return / Volver (2006)

Genre: Comedy / Drama

Rating:R for some sexual content and languageLength:121 minutesCountry:SpainActors:Penélope Cruz, Carmen MauraDirector:Pedro Almodóvar

Raimunda lives in Madrid with her daughter Paula and her husband Paco, who is always drunk. Her sister, Sole, is separated and works clandestinely as a hairstylist for women. The two sisters lost their parents in a fire in La Mancha, their birth village, years ago. Their aunt, Paula, still lives in the village and continues to speak about her sister Irene, mother of the two sisters, as if she were still alive. When the old aunt dies the situation changes and the past returns (volver).

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0441909/

To the Sea / Alamar (2009)

Genre: Drama / Family Rating: G Length: 73 minutes Country: Mexico

Before his son returns to Rome with her mother, a young man of Mayan roots takes Natan, his half Italian son, on an epic journey into the open sea and to a tiny fishing village, where Natan learns to fish and snorkel amid the natural splendor of the Mexican Caribbean.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1502396/

Ton of Luck, A / Soñar no cuesta nada (2006)

Genre: Comedy / Drama

- Rating: R for strong sexual content, nudity, language, brief drug use and some violence
- Length: 100 minutes
- Country: Colombia / Argentina
- Notes: Based on true events that happened in Colombia in May 2003

Four soldiers in the Colombian army find \$46 million in a bag meant for the guerrilla group FARC. They decide not to report their treasure and they desert the army. But now they have to figure out how they can get back to civilization and not be discovered.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0791150/

Tricky Life / En la puta vida (2001)

Genre: Comedy / Drama / Crime Rating: Unrated, contains nudity and violence Length: 100 minutes Country: Uruguay / Spain

Elisa has dreams of owning her own hair salon in Montevideo (the capital of Uruguay) to support her two children. After breaking up with her boyfriend (her boss), who will not marry her, she loses her job. A friend gets her a new job at the local brothel, where she falls in love with a new man and follows him to Barcelona, leading her further into the sex trade.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0285066/

Una noche (2012)

Genre: Drama

Rating: NR Length: 90 minutes Country: Cuba Actors: Dariel Arrechaga, Anailín de la Rúa de la Torre, Javier Núñez Florián

In Havana, Raul dreams of escaping to Miami. Accused of assault, he appeals to Elio to help him reach the forbidden world 90 miles across the ocean. One night, full of hope, they face the biggest challenge of their lives.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2184331/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1

Under the Same Moon / La misma luna (2007)

Genre:DramaRating:PG-13 for some mature thematic elementsLength:106 minutesCountry:Mexico

Under the Same Moon tells the parallel stories of nine-year-old Carlitos and his mother, Rosario. In the hopes of providing a better life for her son, Rosario works illegally in the U.S. while her mother cares for Carlitos back in Mexico. Unexpected circumstances drive both Rosario and Carlitos to embark on their own journeys in a desperate attempt to reunite. Along the way, mother and son face challenges and obstacles but never lose hope that they will one day be together again.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0796307/

Undertow / Contracorriente (2009)

Genre: Drama / Romance Length: 100 minutes Country: Peru / Colombia / France / Germany

In a Peruvian village, married fisherman Miguel comes to terms with his love for another man, despite the strict moral code of his homeland. When his lover drowns and returns as a ghost, Miguel is faced with revealing his secret relationship.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1368491/?ref =sr 1

Valentín (2002)

Genre:DramaRating:PG-13 for some thematic elements and languageLength:86 minutesCountry:Spain / ArgentinaDirector:Alejandro AgrestiActorsCarmen Maura

Valentin is an eight-year-old boy who discovers that his family has problems that only he can solve. He dreams of being reunited with his mother, who is separated from his abusive father. His feuding parents have left him to be raised by his eccentric his grandmother. His mother has apparently forgotten him and his father seems interested in him only as bait to attract new girlfriends. In his mother's absence, Valentín develops a strong connection with the attractive Leticia, one of his father's many short-term girlfriends. Meanwhile his grandmother gets sick, and the boy sets out to resolve all his family problems.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0296915/

Very Old Man With Enormous Wings / Señor muy viejo con unas alas enormes (1988)

Genre:Drama / FantasyRating:R for nudity and suggested sexLength:90 minutesCountry:Spain / CubaNotes:Based on a short story by Gabriel García Márquez

A winged man lands inexplicably in a poor Colombian village. The family in whose yard he lands shelters him in a chicken coop and exploits him as an angel in a carnival atmosphere. People flock in droves to the new attraction, but his message is not necessarily what one expects from a creature of Heaven.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0096077/

Violeta Went to Heaven (2011)

Genre: Biography Rating: NR Length: 110 minutes Country: Chile

A portrait of famed Chilean singer and folklorist Violeta Parra filled with her musical work, her memories, her loves and her hopes.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2014392/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1

Violin , The / El violín (2005)

Genre: Drama / Music Length: 98 minutes Country: Mexico

In rural Mexico, during the peasant revolts of the 1970s, Plutarco, his son Genaro and grandson Lucio lead double lives. On the one hand, they are simple country musicians, on the other, they actively support the peasant guerrilla movement against the oppressor government. When the army occupies the village, the rebels are forced to flee and leave their ammunition behind. Making the most of the fact that he looks like an inoffensive violinist, Plutarco has a plan: to recover the munitions hidden in his cornfield. His music enraptures the captain, but he still has to get his hands on the ammunition.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0451966/

Viva Cuba (2005)

Genre: Comedy/Drama/Romance Length: 80 minutes Country: Cuba

Malú is from an upper class family and her single mother does not want her to play with Jorgito, as she thinks his background is coarse and common-place. Jorgito's mother, a poor socialist proud of her family's social standing, places similar restrictions on her son. What neither woman recognizes is the immense strength of the bond between Malú and Jorgito. When the children find out that Malú's mother is planning to leave Cuba, they decide to run away and travel to the other side of the island to find Malú's father and persuade him against signing the forms that would allow it. At the end, the forms were signed.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0477916/combined

Viva México (2009)

Genre: Documentary

Length: 120 minutes Country: Mexico

In a journey from the mountains of southeastern Mexico to the northern border with the United States, Subcommander Marcos and the people of Mexico trace the forgotten face of a country. A celebration of the struggle for land and dignity.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1493925/?ref_=fn_al_tt_5

Waiting for the Messiah / Esperando al mesías (2000)

Genre:Comedy / DramaLength:97 minutesCountry:Spain / Italy / ArgentinaDirector:Daniel BurmanActor:Héctor Alterio

Set in the vibrant Jewish community of Buenos Aires, Daniel Burman's second feature takes a poignant look at the lives of two men. One is a young man who is torn between his devotion to traditional family ties and the desire for something different; the other is an older bank employee who suddenly finds his life in complete turmoil. Santamaria is terminated from his steady bank job as the world stock market experiences unpredictable convulsions, and his wife duly takes this development as an opportunity to put him out on the street. Forced to make a paltry living returning stolen wallets, Santamaria finds some hope in the form of a comely bathroom attendant, who is waiting for her husband to be released from prison. Meanwhile, Ariel is chafing against the restraints of a predictable future that will see him take over his elderly father's restaurant and marry a nice Jewish girl. Santamaria's and Ariel's stories are told in bits and pieces, contrasted against one another to demonstrate the many parallel universes that can co-exist in the same urban milieu.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0248001/

What Have I Done to Deserve This? / ¿Qué he hecho yo para merecer esto? (1984)

Genre: Comedy / Drama Length: 101 minutes Country: Spain Director: Pedro Almodóvar Actors: Carmen Maura

A dysfunctional family in Madrid: Gloria is a cleaning lady, hooked on No-Doze, living in a crowded flat with Antonio, her surly husband, a cabby who adores an aging German singer he used to chauffeur; he's also a forger. One teen son sells heroin, the other sleeps with men. Her mother-in-law keeps bottled water and cupcakes under lock and key, selling them to the family. Two alcoholic writers cook up a plot to sell a manuscript as Hitler's memoirs, if Antonio will transcribe it in Hitler's hand. He agrees, so they ask the German singer to play the role of the original owner since her past affinity for Nazi memorabilia makes her a likely candidate. Meanwhile, Gloria has given away one son to a sex-crazed dentist, and grandma picks up a pet lizard. Can this chaos be tamed?

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0088461/

When Somebody Loves Me / El día que me amen (2003)

Genre: Drama / Romance Length: 110 minutes Country: Argentina Actors: Leticia Brédice

Mental illness and the power of friendship. Mara and Joaquín were childhood friends, next-door neighbors. They are now in their early 30s. She's returned to Acassuno after eight years abroad, ostensibly to audition for a part in a musical. Joaquín has been a recluse in his parents' house, perhaps because Mara left without a word years before. Mara seeks to renew the friendship, which may be good for Joaquín, but it soon becomes clear that both

face formidable obstacles to a lasting relationship with anyone. The past contains both causes of unhappiness and keys to change.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0362582/

Whiskey (2004)

Genre: Comedy/Drama Length: 94 minutes Country: Uruguay Actors: Andrés Pazos, Mirella Pascual, Jorge Bolani

When his long-lost brother resurfaces, Jacobo, desperate to prove his life has added up to something, looks to scrounge up a wife. He turns to Marta, an employee at his sock factory, with whom he has a prickly relationship. the owner of a sock factory in Montevideo, and Marta, his employee, realize that their estranged relationship needs to change when Jacobo's long-lost brother prompting them to pose as a married couple.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0331370/

Wind Journeys / Los viajes del viento (2009)

Genre: Drama / Music Length: 117 minutes Country: Colombia

For most of his life, Ignacio Carrillo traveled the villages of northern Colombia, playing traditional songs on his accordion, a legendary instrument said to have once belonged to the devil. He eventually married and settled in a small town, leaving the nomadic life behind. But after the traumatic death of his wife, he vows to never play the accursed accordion again, and embarks on one last journey to return the instrument to its rightful owner. On the way, Ignacio is followed by Ferman, a spirited teenager determined to become his apprentice. Tired of loneliness, Ignacio accepts the young man as his pupil and together they traverse the vast Colombian terrain, discovering the musical diversity of Caribbean culture. Hardened by a life of solitude, Ignacio tries to discourage Ferman from following in his footsteps, but destiny has different plans for them.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1426374/

Without a Name / Sin nombre (2009)

Genre: Adventure / Crime / Drama / Thriller

Rating: R for violence, language and some sexual content

Length: 96 minutes

Country: Mexico / USA

Fleeing retaliation from the violent Central American street gang he has deserted, Casper boards a northbound train, where he takes refuge on top of the moving freight cars and hopes for a fresh start in a new country. Dodging authorities and other dangers, he finds a new friend in Sayra, a Honduran girl also making a run for the American border.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1127715/

Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown/Mujeres al borde de un ataque de nervios (1986)

Genre: Comedy Rating: R Length: 90 minutes Country: Spain Director: Pedro Almodóvar Actors: Antonio Banderas, Carmen Maura A woman's lover leaves her, and she tries to contact him to find out why he's left. She confronts his wife and son, who are as clueless as she. Meanwhile her girlfriend is afraid the police are looking for her because of her boyfriend's criminal activities. They talk to a female lawyer, who turns out to be the lover's new lover, and everyone's path keeps crossing each other's in a very complicated and confusing manner.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0095675/

XXY (2007)

Genre: Drama Length: 86 minutes Country: Argentina / France / Spain Actors: Ricardo Darín

The dramatic story of a 15-year-old hermaphrodite, born with what the doctors call 'ambiguous genitalia,' whose parents moved from Buenos Aires to an isolated cabin outside of Piriápolis, Uruguay, to protect their child from prejudice.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0995829/

The Zone / La zona (2007)

Genre:Drama / ThrillerRating:Rated R for violence and languageLength:97 minutesCountry:Argentina / France / SpainActors:Rodrigo Pla

In Mexico City, a wealthy compound is surrounded by walls and surveillance system to protect the locals against the violence of the slums. During a stormy night, a billboard falls over the wall and three smalltime thieves cross the border through the breach to rob. They break into a house and kill an old lady; the residents organize militias to chase the delinquents. Two of them and one security guard are murdered by the vigilantes, but the sixteen year old Miguel hides in the basement of the teenager Alejandro. When Alejandro finds Miguel, he feeds and helps the boy, but it is impossible to escape from the Zone

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1039652/

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