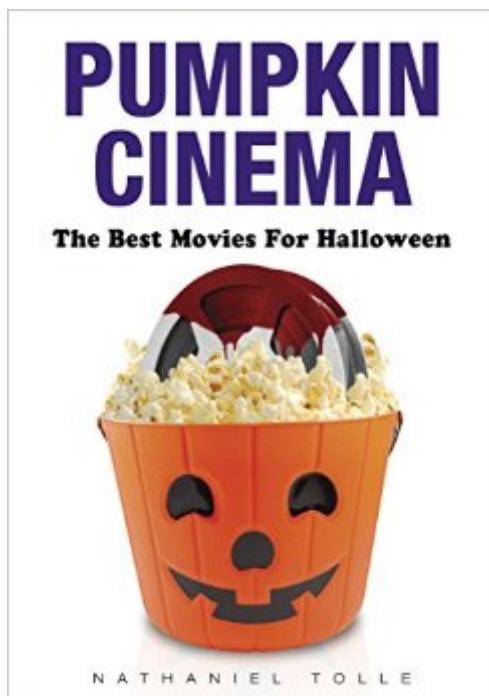


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# Pumpkin Cinema: The Best Movies For Halloween



## **Synopsis**

People celebrate the magical holiday of Halloween in a wide variety of ways, but most will, at some point, turn off the lights and allow a movie to take the excitement to the next level. Pumpkin Cinema recommends over 100 titles that are guaranteed to make your Halloween fun and frightening! Halloween only comes once a year, so you can't afford to waste precious thrill time on a lousy movie! However, a great horror movie doesn't necessarily translate into a great Halloween flick, and Pumpkin Cinema uses a simple set of guidelines to help you avoid the "boo!" blues: the films included here are fast paced, have essences of autumn (if they aren't set on Halloween itself!), and have a trim run time (under two hours). Avoiding the mean-spirited and cruel movies more typical of horror offerings, Pumpkin Cinema also includes Halloween treats from multiple genres, in addition to horror: comedy, animation, science fiction, silent era, and foreign films, all ranging in popularity from blockbusters to the obscure. The films included are, above all, fun to watch and share with others! In addition to descriptive film reviews, you'll also find plenty of quirky trivia, various top 5 lists, and a special chapter devoted to the greatest Halloween television episodes of all time.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Halloween is a holiday that leaves me greatly confused. On one hand, I love all the spooky makeup, accessories, and decorations that come out at this time of year. I identify as one of the "goth kids", so it's a great season for stocking up and going all out without much effort. On the other hand, I have a tendency to be a wimp. No haunted houses, marathons of movies that give me bad dreams

for days. Because of this, I haven't seen nearly as many horror movies as I would like. So, I picked up Pumpkin Cinema with the hopes of getting a new list of titles to force myself through this October. I got exactly this, and so much more. I was beyond excited that this list of 100 Halloween-tastic movie titles includes more than just horror. The bulk of it is, but it includes comedies, family movies, and even a musical or two. They're organized by alphabetical order, and each film blurb has the production information, a summary, and Tolle's opinions and facts on the movie. He writes with a sense of humor, and it was fun to read each entry. Of course there were titles on here that I hadn't heard of that I will definitely be checking out this season (such as Trick 'r Treat and Satan's Little Helper), but there were also old favorites that I got so excited to see, such as "Hocus Pocus", "The Nightmare Before Christmas", and "Beetlejuice". I was blown away when he included another family favorite- "Ernest Scared Stupid". I didn't know anyone else had ever seen that movie, as none of my friends have heard of it but I love it! This book doesn't just include a top list of movies. It also includes a list of "short films". These are things like animated shorts and TV movies. The list continues on to a TV guide, which I loved.

Yes I know it's the middle of June and this is a book about Halloween movies but hey it's never to early to start planning right? For many of us cinema hounds Halloween and the month of October is a favorite time of year. It's the time of year when suddenly we crave horror movies and watch them all month long, voraciously tearing into the genre like a zombie into a person's guts. Now we've got a book dedicated to films that play best during the spooky season. The book begins with a fantastic introduction that sets the tone of Halloween perfectly by describing several different people in a neighborhood celebrating Halloween in different ways that we can all relate to. He captures the vibe right away which helps bring the reader into the head space of Halloween even if you're reading it, like me, in June. Author Nathaniel Tolle set up this book perfectly. He rejects films that aren't fun to watch so don't look for any reviews regarding Saw or Hostel films. He also tosses out movies that could be considered sci-fi and gives films that take place during Halloween extra attention. The films selected in the book are especially chosen for their Halloween appeal and for their watchability in a group. The movies are generally fun and run the gamut from universal classics, to 80's cheese, to kids films, to modern masterpieces. Each film is given a lengthy review along with a highlighted synopsis. The layout of the book is clean and inviting and top notch. Full color posters and stills are crammed in the book giving it plenty of eye candy. There are hundreds of films reviewed and he even gives space to made for tv movies and Halloween episodes of numerous tv shows. Whatever you're looking for, he's got you covered. I was impressed with the selections in the book.

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