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AFGHANISTAN

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BHUTAN

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Phörpa

1999 : "The Cup" – boy monks in a Tibetan monastery conspire together to see the World Cup

CHINA

[6]

Ba Wang Bie Ji

: "Farewell My Concubine" – lavish scale oblique window on China's political upheavals in the 20th century, seen through the eyes of a (male) Opera diva. His Dickensian boyhood at the Peking Opera School recalls "QI QIAO FU" below.

The Blue Kite
Bright Red Star

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1976: Valiant 11-year old village boy helps the Red Army defeat treacherous landlords and the Kuomintang.

Huang Tudi
Not One Less
Qi Qiao Fu
Yani's Monkeys

1984: "Yellow Earth" – with *Liu Qiang*
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1991: Channel 4 documentary on a 12-year old girl whose designs were used for a series of China's postage stamps.

HONG KONG

[5]

Fuzi Qing

1981: "Father and Son" – Allen Fong's autobiographical first feature about his childhood and adolescence as an aspiring film-maker, which brought him into conflict with his father.

Little Cheung

1999: Portrait of a boy (+/-10) whose girl friend is an illegal immigrant and whose elder brother is ostracised by the family. Cheung runs away from home after being beaten by his father in public. With *Yuet-Ming Yu*, *Wai-Fan Mak*

Qi Qiao Fu

1989: "Painted Faces". The Peking Opera School, and the severe training techniques of Master Yu. A forerunner of "BA WANG BIE JI" above.

Yeh Hai Chi
Yuen-Chao-Chai Chih Ko

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1977 TV: "Song of Yuen-chau-chei" - Allen Fong short about a shanty family living on a ramshackle fishing boat. From the TV series "Below the Lion Rock". Uses non-professional child actors.

INDIA

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Aaj Ka Robin Hood	1987: "Return of Robin Hood". Poor boy is privately schooled by village teacher and, inspired by tales of Robin Hood, helps him thwart grasping village landlords.
Aasman se Gira	1991: "Out of the blue". Lonely young prince is befriended by a midget alien stranded on Earth, and the two help to resolve one another's Ishooz.
Abayam	1991: "Shelter". "Artistically inclined" boy of 8 runs away from strict parents to his grandfather's village, having encounters along the way. With Master Tarun Kumar
Ammu ki Bakari	1980: "Ammu's Goat" - farmer's daughter Ammu (10) lands in trouble with her father when her pet goat eats his crops. He gives the goat away, but she manages to win it back.
Bari Theke Paliye	1959 : Rural boy (10) runs away from cruel father and discovers the excitements of Calcutta
Boot Polish	:
Do Bigha Zamin	:
Ekdin Pratidin	: Calcutta
Elephant Boy	:
Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom	: (but shot in Sri Lanka)
Joi Baba Felunath	: Bengal
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Kummatty	:
Maya	1966: Family travelogue "adventure" made to launch a TV series about two boys and a baby Indian elephant, with Jay North , Sajid Khan
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Oppol	1981: "Elder Sister" - Illegitimate boy of 5 (Master Aravind) fiercely resents his "big sister" being married off in haste to a much older man. He runs away to follow them, and inadvertently brings the ill-matched couple closer together.
Pather Panchali	:
Phatikchand	1983: "Phatik and the Juggler" - written for children by Satyajit Ray and directed by his son Sandip, it concerns a 12-year old rich boy who is kidnapped, loses his memory, and befriended by a Calcutta street juggler. With Rajiv Ganguly
The Prince and the Pauper	1932: First talking version of Mark Twain's Tudor role-swap yarn, with Shahu Modak
Rahul	2001: Boy +/-6 experiences the pain of his parents' divorce.
Rockford	1998: Boy (13) is sent to the Catholic boarding school of the title in South India.
Salaam Bombay!	: Bombay
Sonar Kella	: Rajasthan
Tarzan Goes To India	:
Yati (?)	: "A short film without dialogue about a young Indian boy." (possibly South American)

JAPAN

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Apostasy	1948: A young teacher struggles to convey the meaning of freedom.
Battle Royale	2001: Class of older schoolkids are dumped on a remote island and compelled to fight to the death as part of a government corrective programme. Dark comedy.
Children of the Beehive	1948: Study of homeless children, shot using genuine lost children.
Den'en ni Shishu	:
Discipline for the Left-Handed	1999: Man recalls his tortured childhood.
Doro No Kawa	1981 : "Muddy River". In 1950s Osaka two 9-year old boys become friends, one (Nobutaka Asahara) the middle class son of a restaurant owner, the other (Minoru Sakurai) the son of a war widow and prostitute who lives on a houseboat.
Gojira Tai Megaro	:
Hitori Musuko	:
Hyouryuu Kyoushitsu	1991 : "The Drifting Classroom"
Kikujiro	:
Kodomo no Koro Samoo Ga Atta	1981: "There was a War When I was a Kid" - Small boy evacuated to the country during WWII befriends the daughter of his aunt and her dead American husband.
Kusa Meikyu	:
The Little Adventurer	1972: Obscure Mark Lester title about a boy who travels to Japan, meets lots of new friends, and gets himself entangled in espionage, the little scamp.
Mixed-Blood Children	: Anti-American tract
Mother	1952: Problems of a widow struggling to raise three children.
1999-nen No Natsu Yasumi	1988 : "Summer Vacation 1999" - four boarding school boys (all played by girls) experience homosexual pangs for one another during the vacation.
Nijusseiki Shonen Dokuhon	1989 : "Circus Boys"
Ohayo	1959 : "Good Morning!" - Ozu remake of "UMARETE WA MITA KEREDO" in

which

two boys take father's injunction to be silent literally, sparking protests from the neighbours.

People by the Wayside	1938:
The Record of a Tenement Gentleman	1947: Ozu's portrait of homeless children.
The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea	: Mishima novel transposed to an English coastal setting
Salo	1978 : "A Boy Called Third Base" – reform school youth reflects on his school days, sexual awakenings and early steps on road to delinquency.
Shonen	1969 : "Boy" – Oshima tale of wandering family who exploit son (10) as a serial
"road	accident" victim to extort hush money from drivers. Boy's confused loyalties and sense of duty mirror blind social conformity to that larger "parent" - the state.
Sonen Tantei Dan – Tormei Keijin	1958 : "Detective Stories for Boys" – with Hiroshi Yamate , 14
Tampopo	:
Tokkan Kozo	:
Too Much	1987: Golan/Globus fiasco (with largely Japanese cast and crew) about a
cute small	girl, a cute small boy and a cute small robot. Called "TM".
Umarete Wa Mita Keredo	:
Village of Dreams	:

MALAYSIA [1]

An Outcast of the Islands :

NEPAL [1]

Himalaya 2000 : 9-year old boy must succeed his father as mountain guide when crop shortages compel his community to seek trade with the nearest village.

PAKISTAN

PHILIPPINES [1]

City After Dark : Manila

SOUTH KOREA [3]

Dharmaga Tongjoguro Kan Kkadalgun? 1989: "Why Did Bodhi-Dharma Leave for the Orient?"; allegorical tale of three Zen Buddhist disciples, one of them a young boy, and their quest for meditation.
Public Bath 1997 : Encounters and misadventures of various adults and kids at a public baths.
Spring in My Home Town 1999 : boy in 1952 discovers his mother's a prostitute, his father a pimp.

SRI LANKA [2]

Elephant Boy : ch TV series
Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom :

TAIWAN [2]

Hsiao-Ch'eng Ku-Shih 1979: "The Story of a Small Town" – released convict tries to rebuild his life by joining a woodcutter's firm in a small community.
Tongdang Wansui 1989: "Long Live the Childhood Gang"

THAILAND [2]

Dang Bireley's and the Young Gangsters :
Tarzan's Three Challenges : [?]

TIBET

[1]

Kundun

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Unknown:

The Keys of the Kingdom
Little Jungle Boy

Naughty Boys and Soldiers
Rango

Australia 1970 : Scientists discover feral child in jungles of South-East Asia and try to protect him from commercial exploitation, with *Rahman Rahman*

Probably Taiwan : Comedy about an army camp adjacent to a primary school.

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Non-fiction:

Aligermaas Äventyr:

I Vildhästarnas Dal

Denmark 1998 : Documentary on a young Asian (Mongolian?) girl crossing the steppes to take part in a horserace.

Assignment - "Dying For Sex"

: Sex tourism in Thailand.

Childhood

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Citizen 2000 (90)

: Bangladesh

40 Minutes: "Many Happy Returns"

UK TV 1992: Indian boy (6) recounts a former life and is then taken to meet his "widow" who is still alive

Going to School in Japan

: Open University documentary

Public Enemy Number One: "The Man
Who Killed 100 Boys"

UK TV 2001 : Profile of the crimes of Javed Iqbal Moghul, who raped runaway boys in his home and, after being beaten up by one of them, set about murdering 100 boys and dissolving their remains in acid.

Spirits, Ghosts & Demons

: Rural China

Two

: Contrasting lives of a rich boy and street urchin.

Ultimate Athlete

: Child gymnasts in China

Yani's Monkeys

UK TV 1991 : Following 12-year old Chinese girl Wang Yani, whose designs have been used on China's stamps, on a visit to Britain.

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