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Chronological – 1950s

To further assist in locating obscure and forgotten titles, the main film index is sorted here into chronological sequence, by decade. Films prior to 1930 (with very few exceptions) will be found in the subject index under **SILENT CINEMA**. It's also often useful to note where films stood in the context of other productions released the same, or previous, year. It is interesting, for example, to know that "HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY" won the Oscars for Best Film and Best Director, but when you realise that "THE MALTESE FALCON" and "CITIZEN KANE" were just two of the films it won against, this throws the knowledge into a different perspective. Good as Ford's film was, it was not in the same league as the two films it beat. As in the main film index, short films and TV movies are included here, but no other television material.

1951

Alice au Pays de Merveilles	France / UK	Live Alice in puppet Wonderland
Altri Tempi	Italy	Ironic portmanteau of nostalgic tales
The Browning Version	UK	Retiring schoolmaster recognises his own mediocrity
Cattle Drive	US	Western remake of <i>Captains Courageous</i>
The Guy Who Came Back	US	Pro US football player resists his retirement
The Painted Hills		
/ Lassie's Goldrush Adventure	US	Dog avenges master's murder in 1870s Orgeon
Ragazzo	Italy	- - - (the title means simply "Boy")
When I Grow Up	US	Misunderstood boy finds comfort from grandfather

1952

Bufere	Italy / France	Melodrama - married surgeon falls for trapeze artiste
The Happy Time	US	1920s French Canadian family soap
Heidi	Switzerland / W Germany	Classic of Alpine orphan girl filmed in Alpine
locations		
Der Sonnenblick Ruft	Austria	- - -

1953

Background	UK	Group Three	Divorce melodrama
The Clue of the Missing Ape	UK	CFF / Gaumont	Sea Scout & girl foil saboteurs on Gibraltar
Do Bigha Zamin	India		Melodrama of streetrunner and son
Les Gamins de Paris	France		- - -
Little Boy Lost	US	Paramount	Post-WW2, US journo seeks son in Paris orphanage
Little Mook	E. Germany		Children's
La Mano della Straniero			
/ The Stranger's Hand	Italy / UK	British Lion	Graham Greene espionage thriller set in
Venice			
Meet Me at the Fair	US	Universal	Runaway orphan musical
Shane	US		Western archetype of lone guardian angel with a gun

1954

Boot Polish	India		Tearjerker / melodrama
Children Galore	UK	Grendon / GFD	Squire offers cottage to villager with most
grandchildrn			

Child's Play	UK	Group 3	Children's "nuclear popcorn" farce
Das Fliegende Klassenzimmer	W Germany		
One Good Turn	UK	GFD / Two Cities	Handiman Norman Wisdom tries to save orphanage

1955

Amici per la Pelle	Italy		Intense boyhood friendship shattered by a betrayal
Bravissimo	Italy		- - -
Ces Sacrées Vacances	France		Comedy
Cesta do Praveku	Czechoslovakia		Children's prehistoric safari to find a living trilobite
Chiens Perdus Sans Colliers	France / Italy		Social conscience reform school drama
Culottes Courtes	France		- - -
Dobrodruzstvi na Zlate Zatoce	Czechoslovakia		Orphan boy catches pike threatening his
pet carp			
The Gamma People	UK	Warwick	Anti-Communist SF whimsy
Geordie	UK	British Lion	Whimsy about Scots boy becoming Olympic athlete
Great Day in the Morning	US	RKO	Western - fast gun adopts son of a man he killed
Pedagogicheskaya Poema	USSR		Set in reform school for delinquents / streetkids ?
Wenn der Vater mit dem Sohne	W Germany		Sentimental kidnap comedy

1956

Le Ballon Rouge	France		Lonely small boy is befriended by a living red balloon
Dolina Miru	Yugoslavia		Slovenian boy aids downed US pilot during WW2
Everything But the Truth	US	Universal	Small boy's honesty pledge causes adult discomfiture
The Happy Road	US/France	MGM	Whimsey: Boy & girl run away from Swiss school
Tension at Table Rock	US	RKO	Quiet Western with dashes of SHANE & HIGH
NOON			

1957

All Mine to Give	US	RKO	Western adoption tearjerker
Il Cocco di Mamma	Italy		- - -
El Hakim	W Germany		Arab doctor melodrama
The Kid from Canada	UK / Canada	C.F.F.	Canadian boy on pony-trek in Scotland becomes hero
No Time for Tears	UK	Associated British	Tearjerker of children's hospital

1958

The Gift of Love	US	20th Century Fox	Dying wife adopts little girl to comfort husband
Majestät auf Abwegen	W Germany		A boy king, child star & hotel lift boy run off together.
The Salvage Gang	UK	C.F.F.	Four kids try to retrace old bed they sold for scrap

1959

Aventuras de Joselito en America	Spain / Mexico		- - -
Bari Theke Paliye	India		Runaway melodrama
Carry On Teacher	UK	Anglo Amalg	Farce about school revolt to keep retiring headmaster
Count Your Blessings	US	MGM	Boy tries to thwart parents' reconciliation
A Dog of Flanders	US	20th Century Fox	Tearjerker of Dutch milk-boy and his dog
El Lazarillo de Tormes	Spain		16th century urchin works for a long string of masters
Paw	Denmark / Neth		West Indian orphan faces prejudice from Danish kids
Les Quatre Cents Coups	France		Quasi-autobiog portrait of loveless boyhood
Tiger Bay	UK	Rank	Thriller - girl, 11, shields killer seaman on the run

1960

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	US	MGM	Mark Twain Classic (Eddie Hodges)
Avonturen van een Zigeunerjongen	Netherlands		Boy kidnapped by gypsies yarn
Bottoms Up!	UK	Associated British	Jimmy Edwards boarding school farce
The Boy and the Pirates	US	United Artists	Boy is whisked back in time and meets Blackbeard
Caperucita y Pulgarcito			
contra los Monstruos	Mexico		- - -
The Dark at the Top of the Stairs	US	Warner Bros	Pulitzer play of small-town infidelity and
antisemitism			
The French Mistress	UK	British Lion	Lame comedy in boys' boarding school
No Kidding	UK	Anglo Amalgamat	Children's holiday camp farce from Carry On director

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