

SUBJECT INDEX:

Chronological – 1980s

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.

1981

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	US TV	NBC	Mark Twain classic (Kurt Ida)
Any Friend of Nicholas Nickleby			
is a Friend of Mine	US		Boy meets man who claims to be Charles Dickens
Avrianos Polemistis	Cyprus		Greek Cypriot boy refugee under Turkish invasion
Body by Garret	US		Documentary portrait of a 12-year old bodybuilder
Doctors and Nurses	Australia ?		Ahm... children playing hospital with adult patients
The Dollar Bottom	UK	Paramount	Public school boy insures classmates against canings
Don Quichottes Kinder	W Germany		Boy (11) places ad for "someone to love him"
Doro No Kawa	Japan		In 1950s Osaka, boy (9) befriends a prostitute's son
The Final Conflict	US	20 th Century Fox	Horror - risible conclusion to the "Omen" trilogy
Fuzi Qing	Hong Kong		Semi-autobiographical domestic drama
Gummi Tarzan	Denmark		Children's fantasy: a weakling boy dreams of revenge
Kniven i Hjertet	Denmark		Concerning "the meaning of childhood"...
La Leyenda del Tambor	Spain/Mexico		Courage of drummer boy in Sp War of Independence
Nightmare	US		Trashy psycho-killer quickie
Oppol	India		Illegitimate boy of 5 resents his "sister"s new
marriage			
Punktur, Punktur, Komma, Strik	Iceland		Comedy about a boy's life in Reykjavik 1947-63
Der Schüler Gerber	Austria		Pupil browbeaten to death by vindictive maths
teacher			

1982

Abuse	US		Homosexual man/boy affair viewed politically
At	Turkey / WG		Rural father & son have their horse stolen in big city
Author! Author!	US	20 th Century Fox	Deserted playwright/stepfather comedy
The Beastmaster	US		Sword & sorcery yarn about prince's usurped throne
Brusten Himmel	Sweden		Autobiographical childhood portrait
The Escape Artist	US	Orion	Boy escapologist
Fighting Back	Australia		Teacher befriends angry, disturbed 13-year old boy
Les Fleurs Sauvages	Canada		Grandma's annual visit in rural Quebec causes friction
Ginger Meggs	Australia		Based on popular comic strip boyhood character
Joni Jones: Y Faciwis	Wales TV	Channel 4	Short: 2 Liverpool boys evacuated to Wales in WW2
Liten Ida	Norway/Sweden		Autobiography of girl, 7, in Nazi-occupied Norway
The Little Feller	Australia		Deranged stepmother persecutes her stepson

1983

Accounts	UK TV	Channel 4	Scottish farming drama
Angyali Üdvözet	Hungary		Biblical / historical pageant with all-child cast
Un Bon Petit Diable	France		Period melodrama of a persecuted small boy
The Dead Zone	US	Lorimar	Coma patient awakens with precognitive powers
Good and Bad at Games	UK TV	Channel 4	Bullied public schoolboy exacts revenge 10 years on
Halloween III: Season of the Witch	US	De Laurentiis	Mad maskmaker plots to massacre kids on Halloween
Jimmy the Kid	US TV		Kidnappers show prodigy how to enjoy being a kid...
Der Kleine	W Germany		Small boy searches for crooked elder brother
Monty Python's The Meaning of Life	UK	Python	Compendium of comedy sketches on life and sex
Patsani	U.S.S.R.		Athlete starts a reform camp for boys and youths
The Phantom Kid	US ?	Hemdale	All-kid Western spoof in the town of Yellow Wood...
Phatikchand	India		Kidnap boy with amnesia befriended by street juggler
Runners	UK		Father of runaway girl meets mother of runaway son
WarGames	US	United Artists	Teen computer gamer almost triggers World War III
Xtro	UK		Cheapo alien abduction rip-off of "E.T."

1984

Åke och hans Varld	Sweden		Semi-autobiographical childhood portrait
Bez Konnca	Poland		Political drama
Breakout	UK	C.F.F.	Children's hostage thriller
The Camel Boy	Australia		Children's live/animated parable
Los Chicos de la Guerra	Argentina		Boys schooled to fight in Falklands War
Daniel of the Towers	US		Street urchin befriends architect
Dark Enemy	UK	Ch. Film Unit	Children's post-apocalyptic adventure
Dawandeh	Iran		Street urchin ekes out subsistence in Gulf port
Every Picture Tells a Story	UK	Flamingo / Ch.4	Boyhood of artist William Scott in the 1920s
J'ai Rencontré le Père Noël	France		Boy enlists Santa's help to rescue parents from Africa
Old Enough	US	Orion	Rich girl (12) and poor girl (14) make friends
La Playa Prohibida	Mexico		Boy (+/-13) violently opposes mom's new boyfriend

1985

Aab, Baad, Khak	Iran		- - -
Alice in Wonderland	US TV	CBS	Godawful Irwin Allen travesty (Natalie Gregory)
Bush Christmas	Australia		Remake of the 1946 kids & horse-thieves film
Cat's Eye	US		Anthology of 3 seriocomic Stephen King thriller
The Clan of the Cave Bear	US	Warner	Stone age feminist polemic in skimpy clothing
Les Destins de Manoel	France / Portugal		- - -
Fortress	Australia		Crude schoolclass abduction thriller
Frog Dreaming	Australia		Boy investigates reports of fabled lake monster
Hodja fra Pjort	Denmark		Children's
Marie	US		Lone mother battles state corruption in Tennessee
Murphy's Romance	US	Columbia	James Garner/Sally Field romantic comedy
Piccoli Fuochi	Italy		Boy, 5, consumed by a passion for his babysitter, 17
Return to Oz	US	Disney	Unpopular, but more faithful, sequel to fantasy
classic			

1986

Bashu	Iran		Boy orphaned in Iran/Iraq War seeks refuge in North
Bloody Birthday [shot in 1980]	US		Three psychotic 10-year olds go on a killing spree
The Boy God	? ? ?		Boy deity contends with vampires, werewolves et al
The Fig Tree	US		Drama about girl coping with her fear of death
Flight of the Navigator	US	PSO / Viking	Family SF about boy (12) and spacecraft
Friends Forever	Denmark		Portrait of a gay 16-year old's self-discovery
The Gate	Canada		Young boy unleashes demons from hole in backyard
Hol Volt, Hol Nem Volt	Hungary		Orphan, 10, in search of bureaucratic-invented father
Il Sapore del Grano	Italy		Homosexual affair between teacher and boy pupil, 12
A Time to Live	US TV		Mother nurses son (13) dying of muscular dystrophy

1987

Aaj ka Robin Hood	India		Kids': Boy & teacher thwart unscrupulous landowners
After the Promise	US TV	New World	1930s custody drama
Empire of the Sun	US	Amblin / Warner	WW2 Japanese internment camp drama
Lena: My 100 Children	US TV		Woman aids Holocaust survivors in 1945 Crakow

bodyguard	Man On Fire	France / Italy	!2-year old girl kidnapped from her ex-CIA
	Overboard	US	Disguised "Captains Courageous" with Goldie Hawn
	Pelle Erobreren	Denmark/Sweden	Epic saga of immigrant father & son on Danish farm
family	The Quick and the Dead	US TV	Mystery lone gunman comes to aid of a pioneer

1988

	Burning Secret	UK / US / WG	Infidelity melodrama
	Captain Johnno	Australia	Children's portrait of deaf boy, 12
	Central do Brasil	Brazil	Boy searching for his father
	Computron 22	Italy ?	Boy, 11, runs away to search for his real mother
	Guldregn	Denmark TV	Ch TV serial: Four kids grab a crook's hidden loot
	Juliana	? ? ?	Portrait of a 12-year old street kid in Lima, Peru
	The Nature of the Beast	UK TV Channel 4	Allegory of Thatcherism: boy hunts killer on moors
	Neco z Alenky	Switz / UK / W Germ	Superb live action/animated "Alice in Wonderland"
	La Petite Voleuse	France	Portrait of 15-yr old delinquent girl in post-war
France	Les Portes Tournantes	France / Canada	Boy investigates dad's breach with his grandmother
	Runaway Ralph	US TV	Runaway mouse finds its way to kids' summer camp.
	Vice Versa	US Columbia	US update of the F. Anstey body-switch comedy

1989

	Champion	New Zealand TV	During WW2 boy befriends shell-shocked black GI
	Death in the Seine	UK ?	Peter Greenaway short on 18 th cent Paris anatomists
	The Detective Kid	US TV ?	Self-explanatory
	Dharmaga Tongjoguro kan Kkadalgun?	South Korea	Three Buddhist monks, one a boy, on mountain trek
	Je Suis le Seigneur du Chateau	France	Comedy about feuding between 2 stepbrothers, +/-9
	Lessons at the End of Spring	U.S.S.R.	Drama about a boy, 13, imprisoned in Kruschew's day
	Little Monsters	US	Noisy, unamusing fantasy of gremlins under the bed
	Nijusseiki Shonen Dokuhon	Japan	"Circus Boys"
	O Sangue	Portugal	Two brothers keep home during dad's long absences
	Zamri - Oumi - Voskresni!	U.S.S.R.	Autobiog of boyhood in post-war Soviet labour camp

1990

	Act of Piracy	US	Formulaic hijack/kidnapping action drama
	Archangel	? ? ?	Boy befriends man in WW1 Russia
	Avalon	US Columbia	Immigrant family saga
	Bandidos	? ? ?	1911: Gang of boys avenge destruction of their school
	Blind Fury	US Columbia	Kung Fu action-comedy buddy-buddy road movie
	C'est la Vie	France	Autobiographical summer holiday portrait
	The Champion	Roumania / Canada	Children's portrait of Olympic girl gymnast
	The Children	UK / Germany	7 children move in with a bachelor. Love blossoms.
shop	Himmel oder Hölle	Germany	Young boy grows up in butcher's shop cum porn
	Looking for Miracles	Canada Disney TV	1930s summer camp saga
run	Poison Candy	UK TV ?	9-year old girl tries to blackmail neighbours on the
	Reise der Hoffnung	Switzerland	Illegal Turkish migrant family are fleeced by
traffickers	Vracenky	Czech Republic	Misadventures of a boy (+/-11)

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