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ORPHANS, ADOPTION, CHILDREN'S HOMES

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The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	US 1960
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The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin	US TV series
A.I. Artificial Intelligence	US 2001 : Woebegone Spielberg/Kubrick collaboration about an android boy (Haley Joel Osmont) rejected by the human mother on whom he has imprinted emotionally. Becomes a laborious sci-fi reading of the Pinocchio tale, with Giupetto's sex reversed in keeping with the new female monopoly on children's affections.
All Mine to Give	US 1957 : aka "The Day They Gave Babies Away". 1856 Wisconsin settler parents die, leaving their elder children (Rex Thompson , Patty McCormack) to redistribute the younger ones (Butch Bernard , Jon Provost) among neighbouring families. Russia 1992 : Distraught woman starts a new job at an orphanage
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Bashu	Iran 1986 : "???" Boy (Adnan Afravian) orphaned in Iran/Iraq War seeks refuge in the rural North, where his dialect and skin tone mark him as an outsider.
Belle et Sébastien	France TV series 1965 : "Belle and Sebastian". Adventures of a small orphan boy (Mehdi el Glaoui , 9) living with his grandparents and an enormous white dog in the Pyrenees.
Beshkempir, le Fils Adoptif	? ? ? 1998 : Portrait of an adopted boy (Mirlan Abdykalykov , +/-12) in Kyrgyzstan, who must come to terms with that status when a friend exposes his secret.
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Boys' Ranch

US 1946 : MGM rehash of "BOYS TOWN" in which baseball player sets up Texas horesranch for deprived inner city kids and lost waifs. With [Jackie "Butch" Jenkins](#), [Darryl Hickman](#), [Sharon McManus](#) and [Skip Homeier](#).

Boy Trouble
The Boy With Green Hair

US 1948 : Inept, insipid, anti-war allegory from Joseph Losey, that actually has more to say about intolerance and ostracism than pacifism. With [Dean Stockwell](#) (12) and many others. A boy's hair turns green after he learns his parents were killed rescuing children in WW2 Britain.

Brothers' Destiny
The Buckaroo Kid
Bugie Bianchi

Italy 1980 : Handsome, engaging youth of 16 or 17 ([Ronnie Valente](#)) turns up at the door of a childless middle-aged couple and claims the husband is his father. They later learn the boy is a serial impostor, adopting successive couples, not for financial or other gain, but as an agreeable way of touring the world.

Buud Yam
Captain January (24)
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Le Cercle Parfait
Chlapi Prece Neplácou
Circus Boy

TV 95

US TV series 1956-57. [Mickey Braddock](#) ([Dolenz](#)) played the title orphan, Corky, adopted by circus owner Robert Lowery, but the show was stolen by Noah Beery Jr as Joey the clown.

City Boy
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The Clown and the Kid
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Cronica de una Niño Solo
Cross My Heart
Daddy Longlegs
Damien - Omen II
David Copperfield
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Chronicle of a Boy Alone

1919

UK 1911

UK 1913 : The first British 9-reel feature (125 min) with [Eric Desmond](#) as young David, and [Edna May](#) as Little Emily

TV serial 74

Iran 1984 : "The Runner". Street boy ([Majid Nirumand](#) +/-13) lives in a derelict hulk on the beach and ekes out a subsistence as a shoeshine or selling ice water.

David Copperfield
Dawandeh

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Detstvo Gorkovo
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Diff'rent Strokes
Dobrodruzstvi na Zlate Zatoce

Spain 2001

US TV sitcom

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Hol Volt, Hol Nem Volt	Hungary 1986 : "A Hungarian Fairy Tale". Orphan, 10 (<i>Arpad Vermes</i>), goes in search of a fictitious father invented by bureaucracy to conceal his illegitimacy. A quasi-surreal modern day fantasy.
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Jamie	US TV series 1954
Jeremiah Johnson	
Jimmy B. and Andre	US TV 1980 : Greek restaurant owner befriends and tries to adopt black street kid
Johnny on the Run	
Juliana	
Jumanji	
Kashti Bez Ogradi	
Kentucky Jones	
Kiddie	UK 1911 : Man adopts a sick child and hires a governess who is in fact the mother.
The Kidnappers	
Kids From 47A	UK ch TV series
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Kim	TV 84
Ein Kinderstar im Waisenhaus	Germany 1998 : "A Children's Star in the Orphanage". Comedy - child-hating TV celebrity helps out at orphanage to deflect criticism, but the paparazzi set a trap for him by engaging one of the orphan boys to run interference.
Kochankowie Mojej Mamy	
Kolja	Czech Republic
Die Kuckucks	The Cuckoos ?
The Last Days of Pompeii	
Lazy Lightning	US 1926
The Leftovers	
Lena: My 100 Children	
Leon	
Let 'er Go, Gallagher!	
Little Accident (39)	
Little Annie Rooney	
Little Boy Lost (53)	

The Little Flower Girl and the Fighting Parson	UK 1908
The Little Flower Girl's Christmas	UK 1909
The Little Girl Who Lives Down the Lane	
A Little Hero	UK 1908
Little House on the Prairie – "Remember Me"	US TV soap
The Little Kidnappers	
The Little Orphans	
The Little Savage (29)	
Little Sir Nicholas	
The Lodge	UK ch TV serial
Lyutyi	U.S.S.R.
The Mad Genius	
The Magic Toyshop	
La Maison des Bois	Fr TV serial
Mali Vojnici	
Mame	
The Man From Nowhere	
Marcinello	
Marinai Senza Stelle	Italy 1943 : "Sailors Without Stars". Warring factions at a naval school for boys fight over a ship; at least two of the boys are orphans, whose relatives quarrel in court.
Meet Me at the Fair	
The Mighty McGurk	
Mimi	France ? : Paedophile relationship develops between orphaned girl of 12 and the man of her new home.
The Missouri Traveller	
Mi Tio Jacinto	
Mister Skeeter	
Moonfleet	
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Mulligan's Stew	US TV sitcom
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One Good Turn	
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Ora Pro Nobis or: The Poor Orphan's Last Prayer	UK 1901 : Orphan expires in the snow and his/her soul is wafted to heaven by angels. The film was shot to accompany recitals of the song. A silent musical thus.
Orokbefogadas	Adoption
An Orphan Boy of Vienna	Germany 1937 : By sleight of hand an orphan boy is accepted into the Vienna Boys Choir, but is then accused when a sum of money goes missing.
The Orphans	U.S.S.R
An Outcast of the Islands	
Pachin	
Pachin Almirante	
Paw	Denmark / Netherlands 1959: West Indian orphan (<i>Jimmy Stermán</i> , 12) faces racial prejudice from Danish kids, is befriended by a poacher, sent away to reform school, and escapes to hole up on a small island.
El Pequeño Colonel	

El Pequeño Vagabundo	
Perfect Circle	
Phantasm	
Il Piccolo Archimede	Italy
The Pied Piper	US 42
Playhouse 90 - "Child of Our Time" (?)	US live TV play
Podranki	
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The Prince and the Pauper	[1909, 1915, 1923, 1937, TV 1957, 1962]
The Prince and the Pauper	[TV serials 1975, 1996]
Prinz und Bettelknabe	
Problem Child	
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La Promesse	
Punky Brewster	US TV sitcom
Pursued	
Rabbit Proof Fence	Australia 2002
Rags to Riches (86/87)	
Rent-a-Kid	
El Rey de los Gorilas	Spain 1976 : "The King of the Gorillas" – Tarzan rehash with more emphasis on his boyhood. Boy is raised by apes after his parents are killed by hostile natives.
Ride a Crooked Trail	
Rolling Man	
Room For One More	aka: The Easy Way
Room For One More	US TV series
Sammy Going South	
Sara	UK ch TV serial
Scout's Honor	
Sébastien et la Mary-Morgane	France ch TV serial 1969 : "Sebastian and the Mary-Morgan". Second sequel to " Belle et Sébastien " has <i>Mehdi el Glaoui</i> , now 13, seafaring with his uncle.
Sébastien Parmi les Hommes	France ch TV series 1967 : "Sebastian Out in the World". Sequel to " Belle et Sébastien ", again featuring <i>Mehdi el Glaoui</i> , 11, and a Pyrenean Mountain Dog.
Second Best	
Senza Famiglia, Nullatenenti Cercano Affetto	
Shep Comes Home	
The Sinbad Show	US TV sitcom
Skeezer	
Slim Carter	
Solarbabies / Solarwarriors	
Somewhere in Europe	Hungary
Sovsem Propashchi	U.S.S.R. 1974: "Hopelessly Lost" – Soviet remake of " HUCKLEBERRY FINN ". With <i>Roma Madyanov</i> a youngish Huck.
Sparrows	
Stars in my Crown	
Star Trek: the New Generation – "The Bonding"	US TV series
The Streets of San Francisco –	
"Most Feared in the Jungle"	US TV series
Stuart Little	
Tag Till Himlen	aka: El Tren al Cielo
Tension at Table Rock	
They Found a Cave	
They Still Call Me Bruce	
The Tie That Binds	
Toby Tyler	

Tomorrow the World
Tom Sawyer
Tom Sawyer
Tom Sawyer
Tom Sawyer
Tom Sawyer, Detective
Tom's Gang
Tom's Midnight Garden

US 1917 : Jack Pickford (20) playing Twain's archetypal boyhood rascal.
US, 1930
US TV 1973
US 1973

UK TV serial c1990 : [Jeremy Rampling](#) as a boy of the 1930s or 50s staying in an old house with his aunt and uncle. When the clock strikes thirteen, he discovers a doorway into the past, and a huge garden where he meets an unwanted ward of the house.

UK 1998 : [Anthony Way](#) and [Florence Hoath](#) in a feature remake of the above.

Finland

Hungary

Tom's Midnight Garden
Tottisalmen Perilinnen
Trois Enfants dans le Désordre
Twist Oliver
Uteky Domu
Valahol Europaban
En Verden til Forskel
V Lyudyakh
Vor

Russian Fed.1997: "Thief" - post WW2 a fatherless 6-year old boy and his mother fall in with a Red Army captain who proves to be a charlatan and petty thief. The man is arrested, the boy's mother dies soon afterwards, and the boy is conveyed to the tender care of a state orphanage. With [Misha Filipchuk](#), [Dima Shigarev](#)

Vrijbuiters van het Woud (?)
Wechma
Wënd Kûuni
The Whipping Boy
White Cradle Inn
Wild Beauty
Wild Stallion
You Can Count On Me (?)

Morocco

Non-fiction

Barnardo's Children
The Visit: "The Boy David"

UK TV documentary strand 1983-85, including three films following a Scottish surgeon's attempts to reconstruct the face of a Peruvian boy wasted by disease, and his wife's campaign to adopt the boy before a change in the law that would have prevented it.

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