

BOOK CHOICE

Best movies of the 80s Jurgen Muller (Editor)

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This diligently compiled list of 140 of the most influential movies of the 1980s is sure to please popcorn gobblers and highbrow chin-strokers, alike. The 1980s were a time for adventurers, an era of excess, pomp, and bravado. Moviegoers got their kicks from flicks as wide-ranging as *Blade Runner*, *When Harry Met Sally*, and *Blue Velvet*. Sci-fi was the most important genre of the decade, with non-human characters like *E.T.* winning the hearts of millions, while the slimy creatures from *Aliens* became the stuff of nightmares, and movies like *Ghostbusters* fused comedy and sci-fi, to the delight of audiences everywhere. In fact, the 1980s saw the invention of a new reality, a movieworld so convincingly real – no matter how far-fetched – that spectators abandoned themselves to it. Now that's entertainment, folks.

