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Description:

From Film lovers seeking critical guidance more discerning than daily newspaper reviews but less daunting than scholarly journal articles depend on a handful of critics who write about rarefied films for a general audience. *1001 Movies You Must See before You Die* puts a user-friendly mask on the serious thought animating its effort to create a roster of indispensable films and rather belies the erudition of its well-qualified contributors. The chosen 1,001 are chronologically listed, from the surreal sf short *A Trip to the Moon* (1902) to *Russian Ark* and *chicago* (both 2002). This list has been compiled with an eye to historical importance and popular acclaim, which explains the presence of such critically suspect crowd-pleasers as *Saturday Night Fever*, *Top Gun*, and *E.T.* Since Chantal Akerman's nearly four-hour *Jeanne Dielman* and the Czech psychedelic farce *Sedmikrasky* (*Daisies*)

also appear, it can't, however, be accused of pandering to popular taste. Attractive design, incorporating stills from most chosen titles, makes the volume a browser's delight as well as a useful guide for casual viewers and film buffs alike. *Gordon Flagg*
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Review "1001 Movies You Must See Before You Die is one heavy, fat tome, but it's a great motivating guide to cinema. After reading one of its engaging, often profound entries on a missed film, you want to run out to Premiere Video and rent it. Best of all, it includes international, silent, animated and recent films such as *City of God*. And yes, Richard Linklater's *Slacker* is here."

□ *Dallas Morning News*, April 29, 2004

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