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Watch a Movie About Refugees

Why not rent a film and invite friends over to watch it? Here is a list of suggested titles. Our age classification is just a guide so please double check before viewing.

The Sound of Music [USA, 1965] Director: Robert Wise

Starring: Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer. A musical telling the story of Maria, a nun who becomes part of an Austrian family household, the Trapps. They flee after continuous Nazi pressure, towards the Alps to safety when World War II breaks out. [Classification Guide: G]

The Terminal [USA, 2004]

Director: Steven Spielberg; Starring: Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones. A traveller becomes a refugee “sur place” as a result of a coup d’etat in his home country just at the moment he enters the USA on a tourist visa. The transit zone of the airport JFK becomes his home. The story is said to be based on the life of “Monsieur Alfred”, an Iranian-born refugee who has been living at Paris Airport for 16 years, despite UNHCR intervention. [Classification Guide: 12]

Casablanca [USA, 1942] Director: Michael Curtiz

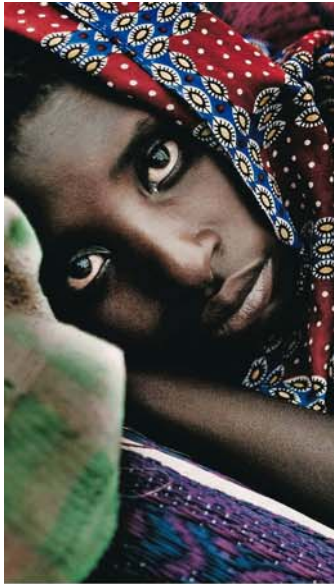
Starring: Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. A true and enduring classic. Refugees attempt to escape from the Vichy-régime in Morocco. [Classification Guide: G]

Hotel Rwanda [Canada, 2004] Director: Terry George

Starring: Don Cheadle and Sophie Okonedo. The true-life story of Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager, who housed over one thousand Tutsi refugees from certain death during the genocide. [Classification Guide: 12]

Three Kings [USA, 1999]

Director: David O. Russell; Starring: George Clooney and Mark Wahlberg. In the aftermath of the Gulf War, 4 soldiers set out to steal gold that was stolen from Kuwait, but they discover refugees who need their help. [Classification Guide: 15]



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Persepolis [France, 2007] Directors: Vincent Paronnaud, Marjane Satrapi

Starring: Chiara Mastroianni, Catherine Deneuve and Gena Rowlands. Poignant coming-of-age story of a precocious and outspoken young Iranian girl that begins during the Islamic Revolution. [Classification Guide: PG]

The Killing Fields [UK, 1984] Director: Roland Joffe

Starring: Sam Waterston, Haing S. Ngor and John Malkovich. The true story of New York Times journalist Sidney Schanberg and Cambodian journalist and translator Dith Pran, who found themselves trapped in the Khmer Rouge revolution in Cambodia. [Classification Guide: 15]

Tears of the Sun [USA, 2003] Director: Antoine Fuqua

Starring: Bruce Willis and Monica Bellucci. Lt. A.K. Waters, a Special-Ops commander leads his team into the jungle of Nigeria to rescue a relief worker, who agrees to go only if they help bring 70 refugees back too. [Classification Guide: 15]

Arch of Triumph [USA, 1948] Director: Lewis Milestone, (based on a novel by Erich Maria Remarque)

Starring: Ingrid Bergman, Charles Boyer, Charles Laughton. In the winter of 1938, Paris is crowded with refugees from the Nazis who are trying to evade deportation. [Classification Guide: PG]

Beyond Borders [USA, 2003] Director: M. Campbell

Starring: Angelina Jolie, Clive Owen. An epic tale of a romance between two persons sharing the same passion for changing the world. Sarah Jordan (UNHCR's Goodwill Ambassador Angelina Jolie) encounters a renegade doctor, whose impassioned plea for help to support his relief efforts in war torn Africa moves her deeply. As a result, she embarks upon a journey to the far corners of the world. [Classification Guide: 15]

In this World [UK, 2002] Director: Michael Winterbottom

Starring: Jamal Udin Mommand and Enayatullah Jumadin. Two young Afghan refugees embark on a dangerous journey, passing through Iran, Turkey, Italy and France, overland to seek asylum in Britain. [Classification Guide: 12]

Do you know any other movies about refugees or by refugees? Email us at kennedy@unhcr.org and let us know. We'll add it to our list!