

ROUND UP OF OUR FAVORITE MOVIES FEATURING WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

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Have movies ever helped you relate, escape or understand human emotions? They do for me. Yes, I know that movies are not real life. Sometimes that's a good thing! It's also true that the people who write them and act them DO live in real life, and they bring their own experiences to their work. I thought I'd share a round-up of our favorite movies featuring widows.

Sometimes, when I'm world-weary, I'll turn to the movies to escape or even validate my feelings. It's been several years since my husband died, and I'm doing pretty well. I've built a new life and I'm happy now, at least as often as I was before my loss. There are still times though, like now as my husband's "angel-versary" approaches, when melancholy seeps in. That happened before I was widowed, too, and I turned to movies then as well.

I thought it might be fun to share a round-up of some of my favorite movies that feature widows or widowers in their storyline. Some are oldies but goodies, some are light-hearted. Some are more dramatic. This list is by no means all the movies ever made that feature widows. Do you know of one or two that I missed? Let me know in the comments, for sure!

Keep this list handy in your T.V. area, as an easy reference. Most of them can be easily found.

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Book Club – Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen, Mary Steenburgen, Diane Keaton
Boyton Beach Club – Dyan Cannon, Sally Kellerman, Joe Bologna, Michael Nouri
Braveheart – Mel Gibson
Charade – Audrey Hepburn, Cary Grant
Downton Abbey
Driving Miss Daisy – Morgan Freeman, Jessica Tandy
Georgia Rule – Jane Fonda, Lindsay Lohan
Ghost – Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore
Gone with the Wind – Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh
High Button Shoes – Margaret Brownley
Houseboat – Cary Grant, Sophia Loren
I'll See You in My Dreams – Blythe Danner, Sam Elliot
Imitation of Life – Lana Turner

Message in a Bottle – Kevin Costner, Robin Wright, Paul Newman
Rebecca – Joan Fontaine, Lawrence Olivier
Safe Haven – Julianne Hough, Josh Duhamel
Sarah Plain and Tall – Glen Close, Christopher Walken
Saving Grace – Craig Ferguson, Brenda Blethyn
Shadowlands – Anthony Hopkins, Debra Winger
Sleepless in Seattle – Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan
The American President – Michael Douglas, Annette Benning
The Ghost and Mrs. Muir – Rex Harrison, Gene Tierney
The King and I – Deborah Kerr, Yul Brenner
The Merry Widow, Lana Turner
The Night of the Hunter, Robert Mitchum, Shelly Winters
Woman Obsessed, Susan Hayward
Yours, Mine and Ours – Henry Fonda, Lucille Ball
Dead to Me