



Movie Actresses

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This article is about my favorite movie actresses of all time. Movie critics and most people will not agree with my picks. However, my criteria is quite simple - the actress must have made at least three movies I have seen and liked and would watch again if they happened to come on the TV movie channel when I'm in the mood to see a good show. I'm going to pick my Top 20 Actresses. I could not decide on a header so you can pick the one you like best.



Faye Dunaway



Sharon Stone



Liz Taylor

#1 Faye Dunaway



Born: Dorothy Faye Dunaway on January 14, 1941 (age 76) in Bascom, Florida

Alma mater: Boston University

Years active: 1962–present (Appeared in 81 movies)

Spouse(s): Peter Wolf (m. 1974–79) Terry O'Neill (m. 1983–87)

Children: Liam O'Neill (b. 1980)

Facts: The daughter of Grace April, and John MacDowell Dunaway, a career officer in the United States Army. She is of Scots-Irish, English, and German descent. She spent her childhood traveling throughout the United States and Europe.



Bonnie and Clyde (1967) with Warren Beatty. In the middle of the Great Depression, Clyde Barrow (Warren Beatty) and Bonnie Parker (Faye Dunaway) meet when Clyde tries to steal Bonnie's mother's car. Bonnie, who is bored by her job as a waitress, is intrigued by Clyde, and decides to take up with him and become his partner in crime.



Three Days of the Condor (1975) with Robert Redford. The film is about a CIA researcher who comes back from lunch, discovers all his co-workers shot dead, and has to outwit those responsible until he figures out who he can trust. Needing a place to hide, he forces a woman, Kathy Hale (Dunaway), whom he encounters by chance in a ski shop, to take him to her apartment.



Featured Movie



Network (1976) with William Holden, Robert Duvall, Peter Finch, and Faye Dunaway. A television network cynically exploits a deranged former anchor's ravings and revelations about the news media for its own profit. Dunaway received her third Best Actress nomination and only Oscar as Diana Christensen, a ruthless, power-hungry television executive.

One of the most unforgettable scenes and speeches in Cinema history was in the 1976 movie Network that still resonates today. Network is about a TV news anchor called Howard Beale who is played fantastically by Peter Finch and with low ratings, breaks down on national TV and announces he will commit suicide live on air. Wandering from the script, Beale ignores the teleprompter and lets out all of his frustrations of the world in which he lives before ranting “I’m as mad as hell and I’m not going to take this anymore!” and urges all viewers to open their windows and do the same.

Once again, this speech feels more relevant now than its release over 40 years ago and seems to predict the world we live in today which is filled with reality TV, tabloid journalism and the overwhelming direction that media in general is taking with its “anything for ratings” philosophy.

The Character Howard Beale gave the following speech in Network:

***“I don’t have to tell you things are bad. Everybody knows things are bad. It’s a depression. Everybody’s out of work or scared of losing their job. The dollar buys a nickel’s worth. Banks are going bust. Shopkeepers keep a gun under the counter. Punks are running wild in the street and there’s nobody anywhere who seems to know what to do, and there’s no end to it. We know the air is unfit to breathe and our food is unfit to eat, and we sit watching our TVs while some local newscaster tells us that today we had fifteen homicides and sixty-three violent crimes, as if that’s the way it’s supposed to be.*”**

We know things are bad – worse than bad. They're crazy. It's like everything everywhere is going crazy, so we don't go out anymore. We sit in the house, and slowly the world we are living in is getting smaller, and all we say is: 'Please, at least leave us alone in our living rooms. Let me have my toaster and my TV and my steel-belted radials and I won't say anything. Just leave us alone.'

Well, I'm not gonna leave you alone. I want you to get MAD! I don't want you to protest. I don't want you to riot – I don't want you to write to your congressman, because I wouldn't know what to tell you to write. I don't know what to do about the depression and the inflation and the Russians and the crime in the street. All I know is that first you've got to get mad. (shouting) You've got to say: 'I'm a human being, god-dammit! My life has value!'

So, I want you to get up now. I want all of you to get up out of your chairs. I want you to get up right now and go to the window. Open it, and stick your head out, and yell: 'I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not gonna take this anymore!'



I want you to get up right now. Sit up. Go to your windows. Open them and stick your head out and yell – 'I'm as mad as hell and I'm not gonna take this anymore!' Things have got to change. But first, you've gotta get mad!...You've got to say, 'I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not gonna take this anymore!' Then we'll figure out what to do about the depression and the inflation and the oil crisis. But first, get up out of your chairs, open the window, stick your head out, and yell, and say it: 'I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not gonna take this anymore!'

Other Faye Dunaway movies: The Thomas Crown Affair (1968) with Steve McQueen - Chinatown (1974) with Jack Nicholson - Eyes of Laura Mars (1978) with Tommy Lee Jones

#2 Jodie Foster



Born: Alicia Christian “Jodie” Foster on November 19, 1962 (age 54) in Los Angeles, California

Alma mater: Yale University

Years active: 1965–present (Appeared in 48 movies)

Spouse: Alexandra Hedison (m. 2014)

Partner: Cydney Bernard (1993–2008)

Children: 2 (by artificial insemination)

Facts: Foster began her career at the age of three as a child model in 1965, and two years later moved to acting in television series, with the sitcom *Mayberry R.F.D.*



The Silence of the Lambs (1991) with Anthony Hopkins. FBI trainee Clarice Starling is pulled from her training at the FBI Academy by Jack Crawford of the Bureau's Behavioral Science Unit. He assigns her to interview Hannibal Lecter, a former psychiatrist and incarcerated cannibalistic serial killer, whose insight might prove useful in the pursuit of a serial killer nicknamed "Buffalo Bill", who skins his female victim's corpses.



Contact (1997) with James Woods, Matthew McConaughey, and John Hurt. Science fiction drama film where Foster portrays protagonist scientist, Dr. Eleanor "Ellie" Arroway, who finds strong evidence of extraterrestrial life and is chosen to make first contact.



Panic Room (2002) – A recently divorced Meg Altman (Foster) and her 11-year-old daughter Sarah (Kristen Stewart) have just purchased a four-story brownstone on the Upper West Side of New York City. The house's previous owner, a reclusive millionaire, installed an isolated room used to protect the house's occupants from intruders. On the night the two move into the home, it is broken into by ski mask-wearing gunman.

Other movies: *Taxi Driver* (1976) with stars Robert De Niro - *Maverick* (1994) with Mel Gibson and James Garner - *The Accused* (1988) with Kelly McGillis.

#3 Elizabeth Taylor



Born: Elizabeth Rosemond Taylor on February 27, 1932 in London, England - **Died:** March 23, 2011 (aged 79) in Los Angeles, CA - **Years active:** 1942–2007 (Appeared in 50 movies) **Spouse(s):** Conrad Hilton Jr., Michael Wilding, Mike Todd, Eddie Fisher, Richard Burton (Twice), John Warner), and Larry Fortensky. - **Children:** 4

Facts: Taylor struggled with health problems for most of her life. She was born with scoliosis and broke her back while filming *National Velvet* in 1944.



National Velvet (1944) is the story of a 12-year-old horse-crazy girl, Velvet Brown (Liz Taylor), who lives in the small town of Sewels, England, who wins a spirited gelding in a raffle and decides to train him for the Grand National steeplechase. She is aided by a penniless young drifter named Mi Taylor (Mickey Rooney). Velvet and The Pie avoid a number of falls, clear all the hurdles and win the race.



Cleopatra (1963) is an epic historical drama chronicling the struggles of Cleopatra VII, the young Queen of Egypt, to resist the imperial ambitions of Rome. Caesar is intrigued with her beauty and warm personality, and she convinces him to restore her throne from her younger brother. The film stars Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Rex Harrison, Roddy McDowall, and Martin Landau.



Giant (1956) is an epic Western drama film, directed by George Stevens that stars Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson and James Dean. A Texas-based tale about the Benedict family and their numerous internal conflicts over a 25-year period. It is famous for many things: It was Rock Hudson's first important dramatic role, it introduced two young actors, Dennis Hopper and Carroll Baker, and it was James Dean's last movie.

Other movies: *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (1958) with Paul Newman - *BUtterfield 8* (1960) with Laurence Harvey - *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (1966) with Richard Burton.

#4 Sharon Stone



Born: Sharon Vonne Stone on March 10, 1958 (age 58) in Meadville, PA

Alma mater: Edinboro State University of Pennsylvania

Years active: 1980–present (Appeared in 57 movies)

Spouse(s): Michael Greenburg (m. 1984; div. 1990)

Phil Bronstein (m. 1998; div. 2004) - Children: 3

Facts: Stone was a very smart girl and was going to become a lawyer. However, her first love was the movies. So, the 17-year-old Sharon got herself into the Miss Crawford County and won the beauty contest. From there she worked as a Ford model and finally got a movie part in 1980.



The Quick and the Dead (1995) with Gene Hackman, Russell Crowe and Leonardo DiCaprio. The story focuses on "The Lady" (Stone), a gunfighter who rides into the frontier town of Redemption, controlled by John Herod (Hackman). The Lady joins a deadly dueling competition in an attempt to exact revenge for her father's death. In the end, the Lady and Herod face off, and she finally reveals to him who she is and kills him with a bullet to the eye.



Basic Instinct (1992) is an erotic thriller film starring Michael Douglas and Sharon Stone. The film follows a police detective, Nick Curran (Douglas), who is investigating the brutal murder of a wealthy rock star. Curran becomes involved in a torrid and intense relationship with the prime suspect, Catherine Tramell (Stone). Basic Instinct generated heated controversy due to its sexuality and graphic violence.



Casino (1995) is a crime drama film starring Robert De Niro, Joe Pesci, and Sharon Stone. De Niro stars as Sam "Ace" Rothstein, a top gambling handicapper who is called by the Italian Mob to oversee the day-to-day operations at the Tangiers Casino in Las Vegas. Pesci plays Nicholas "Nicky" Santoro the Mob enforcer. Sharon Stone plays Ginger McKenna, Ace's scheming, self-absorbed wife. This film earned her a Golden Globe Award for Best Actress.

Other movies: Total Recall (1990) with Arnold Schwarzenegger - The Specialist (1994) with Sylvester Stallone and James Woods - Diary of a Hitman (1991) with Forest Whitaker.

#5 Angelina Jolie



Born: Angelina Jolie Voight on June 4, 1975 (age 41) in Los Angeles, California

Citizenship: United States and Cambodia

Years active: 1982–present (Appeared in 45 movies)

Spouse(s): Jonny Lee Miller (m. 1996; div. 2000) - Billy Bob Thornton (m. 2000; div. 2003) - Brad Pitt (m. 2014; separated 2016). **Children:** 6

Facts: Jolie's starring role as the video game heroine Lara Croft in *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider* (2001) established her as a leading and highest paid Hollywood actress. In addition to her film career, Jolie is noted for her humanitarian efforts.



Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001) action-adventure film based on the popular video game series featuring the character Lara Croft portrayed by Angelina Jolie. The film revolves around Lara Croft trying to obtain ancient artifacts from the enemy, the Illuminati. The film received generally negative reviews for its stylized action although Jolie was praised for her performance. *Tomb Raider* was the highest-grossing film on its opening weekend.



Mr. & Mrs. Smith (2005) is a action comedy film directed by Doug Liman. The film stars Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie as a bored upper-middle class married couple surprised to learn that they are assassins belonging to competing agencies, and that they have been assigned to kill each other. Besides being a box office hit, it is also notable for establishing Jolie and Pitt's relationship.



Salt (2010) is an action thriller film directed by Phillip Noyce, written by Kurt Wimmer, and starring Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber, Daniel Olbrychski, August Diehl and Chiwetel Ejiofor. Jolie plays Evelyn Salt, who is accused of being a Russian sleeper agent and goes on the run to try to clear her name. Salt is being tortured in a North Korean prison on suspicion of being an American spy. Turns out that she is in fact a CIA operative.

Other movies: *Wanted* (2008) with James McAvoy and John Malkovich - *Unbroken* (2014) with Jack O'Connell - *Maleficent* (2014) with Charlto Copley.

#6 Meryl Streep



Born: Mary Louise “Meryl” Streep on June 22, 1949 (age 67) in Summit, New Jersey

Alma mater: Vassar College and Yale University

Years active: 1971–present (Appeared in 72 movies)

Spouse(s): Don Gummer (m. 1978) **Children:** 4

Facts: Streep is particularly known for her versatility in her roles, transformation into the characters she plays, and her accent adaptation. She has been cited in the media as the "best actress of her generation".



Out of Africa (1985) is a romantic drama film directed and produced by Sydney Pollack and starring Robert Redford and Meryl Streep. The story is about Karen Dinesen (a wealthy but unmarried woman) moving to Africa and meeting Finch Hatton (Robert Redford), a local big-game hunter with whom she develops a close friendship. Things don't turnout the way she wanted.



The Deer Hunter (1978) is a war drama film about three Russian-American steelworkers whose lives are changed forever after they fight in the Vietnam War. The three soldiers are played by Robert De Niro (Mike), Christopher Walken (Nick) and John Savage (Stan). Nick is the quiet, introspective man who loves deer hunting. Act I: Wedding and party Act II: War-torn Vietnam Act III: They return home and Nick kills himself.



The Bridges of Madison County (1995) is a romantic-drama film about an Italian war bride, Francesca (Meryl Streep), who lives with her husband and two children on a farm in Iowa. In 1965, she meets a National Geographic photographer named Robert (Eastwood) and has a four-day extramarital affair with him that changes both their lives forever.

Other movies: Kramer vs. Kramer (1979) with Dustin Hoffman - Sophie's Choice (1982) with Kevin Kline - The Iron Lady (2011) with Jim Broadbent.

#7 Julia Roberts



Born: Julia Fiona Roberts on October 28, 1967 (age 49) in Smyrna, Georgia, U.S.

Alma mater: Georgia State University

Years active: 1987–present (Appeared in 47 movies)

Spouse(s): Lyle Lovett (m. 1993; div. 1995)

Daniel Moder (m. 2002) Children: 3

Facts: Roberts has won three Golden Globe Awards and has been nominated for four Academy Awards for her film acting, winning the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in Erin Brockovich (2000).



Pretty Woman (1990) is a romantic comedy film that stars Richard Gere and Julia Roberts. Edward Lewis (Gere), a success businessman, hires a prostitute Vivian Ward (Roberts) to be his girlfriend for the next six days – he pays her \$3000 plus a new more acceptable wardrobe. That evening, visibly moved by her transformation, Edward begins seeing Vivian in a different light.



Erin Brockovich (2000) is a film about the true story of Erin Brockovich who fought against the energy corporation Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). The residents of Hinkley, California are getting sick with various forms of cancer. Erin finds evidence that the groundwater in Hinkley is seriously contaminated with carcinogenic hexavalent chromium a waste product from PG&E.



Conspiracy Theory (1997) is a political action thriller film that centers on an eccentric taxi driver (Mel Gibson) who believes that many world events are triggered by government conspiracies. Justice Department attorney (Julia Roberts) becomes involved in his life to humors him because he once saved her from a mugging. She finds out that there are many strange things going on.

Other movies: The Pelican Brief (1993) with Denzel Washington - Ocean's Eleven (2001) with George Clooney and Brad Pitt - Sleeping with the Enemy (1991) with Patrick Bergin.

#8 Glenn Close



Born: March 19, 1947 (age 69) in Greenwich, Connecticut

Alma mater: College of William & Mary

Years active: 1974–present (Appeared in 47 movies)

Spouse(s): Cabot Wade (m. 1969–71), James Marlas (m. 1984–87),

David Shaw (m. 2006; div. 2015): **Children:** 1

Facts: Close began her professional stage career in 1974 in *Love for Love*, and was mostly a New York stage actress through the rest of the 1970s and early 1980s, appearing in both plays and musicals, including the Broadway productions of *Barnum* in 1980 and *The Real Thing* in 1983, for which she won the Tony Award.



Fatal Attraction (1987) is a psychological thriller film starring Michael Douglas (Dan Gallagher), Glenn Close (Alex), and Anne Archer. The film centers on a married man who has a weekend affair with a woman who refuses to allow it to end and becomes obsessed with him. When he tries to break things off for good, she tries to kill him with a kitchen knife.



The Natural (1984) is a baseball movie starring Robert Redford, Glenn Close, and Robert Duvall. The film is about Roy Hobbs, a player with great "natural" baseball talent. The New York Knights sign the now 35-year-old Hobbs who plays great but falls into a slump. Later when Hobbs comes to bat, a woman dressed in white rises in the stands, and Hobbs, seeing her, promptly hits a game-winning home run.



Air Force One (1997) is a political action thriller film starring Harrison Ford as the US President and Close as the Vice President. American and Russian Special Forces capture the dictator of a rogue terrorist group in Kazakhstan that possessed stolen Soviet nuclear weapons. They are bringing him back to the US on *AF One* to stand charges but some members of the invited press turn out to be Russian terrorists and it is a fight to the finish.

Other movies: *Dangerous Liaisons* (1988) with John Malkovich and Michelle Pfeiffer – *The Big Chill* (1983) with Tom Berenger – *101 Dalmatians* (1997) with Tim McInnemy.

#9 Shirley MacLaine



Born: Shirley MacLean Beaty on April 24, 1934 (age 82) in Richmond, Virginia, U.S.

Years active: 1953–present (Appeared in 69 movies)

Spouse: Steve Parker (m. 1954; div. 1982)

Facts: She is known for her New Age beliefs, and has an interest in spirituality and reincarnation. She has written a series of autobiographical works that describe these beliefs. An Academy Award winner, MacLaine received the 40th AFI Life Achievement Award from the American Film Institute in 2012, and received the Kennedy Center Honors for her lifetime contributions to American culture.



Terms of Endearment (1983) is a comedy-drama film starring Shirley MacLaine, Debra Winger, Jack Nicholson, and Danny DeVito. The film covers 30 years of the relationship between Aurora Greenway (MacLaine) and her daughter Emma (Winger). The film received eleven Academy Award nominations and MacLaine won the Academy Award for Best Actress.



The Apartment (1960) is a romantic comedy film which stars Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine, and Fred MacMurray. "Bud" (Jack Lemmon) is a lonely office drudge who in order to climb the corporate ladder, allows 4 company managers to take turns borrowing his Upper West Side apartment for their various extramarital liaisons. While killing time, Bud meets Fran (MacLaine), an elevator operator, and asks her out for a date.



Two Mules for Sister Sara (1970) is an American-Mexican western film starring Shirley MacLaine and Clint Eastwood. A gunslinger named Hogan (Eastwood) spots and saves a naked woman from being gang-raped by several bandits whom he shoots and kills. He later learns that the woman, Sara (MacLaine), is a nun working with a group of Mexican revolutionaries who are fighting the French.

Other movies: *Steel Magnolias* (1989) with Sally Fields, Dolly Parton, and Julia Roberts – *Irma la Douce* (1963) with Jack Lemmon – *Around the World in 80 Days* with David Niven.

#10 Sandra Bullock



Born: Sandra Annette Bullock on July 26, 1964 (age 52) in Arlington, Virginia

Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana

Alma mater: East Carolina University

Years active: 1987–present (Appeared in 46 movies)

Spouse: Jesse G. James (m. 2005; div. 2010) Children 2

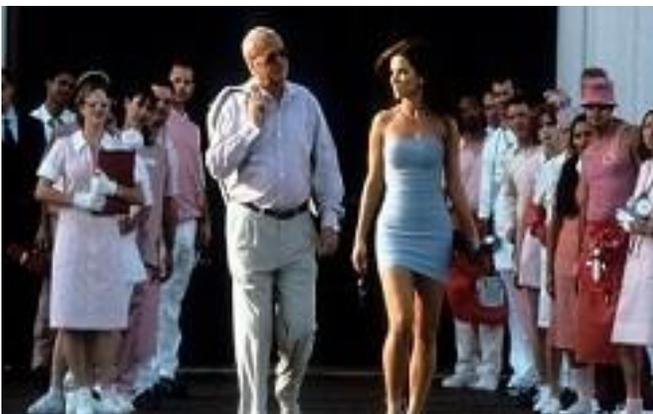
Facts: Since her acting debut, Bullock has been dubbed "America's sweetheart" in the media due to her "friendly and direct and so unpretentious" nature. On March 24, 2005, Bullock received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at 6801 Hollywood Boulevard.



A Time to Kill (1996) crime drama film adaptation of John Grisham's 1989 novel of the same name. Movie stars Sandra Bullock, Samuel L. Jackson, Matthew McConaughey, and Kevin Spacey. Set in Canton, Mississippi, the film involves the rape of a young girl, the arrest of the rapists, their subsequent murder by the girl's father, and the father's trial for murder.



The Blind Side (2009) is a sports drama film. The storyline features Michael Oher, an offensive lineman who played for the Baltimore Ravens and the Tennessee Titans in the NFL. The film follows Oher from his impoverished upbringing, through his years at Wingate Christian School and his adoption by Sean and Leigh Anne Tuohy (Bullock) to his first-round pick of the Ravens.



Miss Congeniality (2000) is a comedy film starring Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine, Benjamin Bratt, and Candice Bergen. Gracie (Bullock) goes from a school tomboy where she beat up a bully threatening a boy she likes to a Special Agent for FBI. The agency learns of a bomb threat at the upcoming 75th annual Miss USA beauty pageant in San Antonio. Gracie enters the contest to foil the attack. She wins the "Miss Congeniality" title.

Other movies: Speed (1994) with Keanu Reeves – The Proposal (2009) with Ryan Reynolds – The Net (1995) with Jeremy Northam – Gravity (2013) with George Clooney.

#11 Nicole Kidman



Born: Nicole Mary Kidman June 20, 1967 (age 49 years), Honolulu, HI

Children: Isabella Jane Cruise, Connor Cruise, Faith Margaret Kidman Urban, Sunday Rose Kidman Urban

Spouse: Keith Urban (m. 2006), Tom Cruise (m. 1990–2001)

Citizenship: Australian and American

Alma mater: Australian Theatre for Young People

Years active: 1983–present (Appeared in 60 movies)

Facts: Kidman met Tom Cruise in November 1989, while filming *Days of Thunder*, they were married on Christmas Eve 1990 in Telluride, Colorado.

Movies: *Eyes Wide Shut* (1999) with Tom Cruise

To Die For (1995) with Joaquin Phoenix & Matt Dillion

Dead Calm (1989) with Sam Neill

#12 Susan Sarandon



Born: Susan Abigail Tomalin on October 4, 1946 (age 70) in Jackson Heights, Queens, New York.

Alma mater: The Catholic University of America, B.A. 1968

Years active: 1970–present (Appeared in 100 movies)

Spouse: Chris Sarandon (m. 1967; div. 1979)

Children: 3

Facts: Sarandon supports liberal political causes such as EMILY's List which is a political action committee that helps elect Democratic female candidates to office.

Movies: *Bull Durham* (1988) with Kevin Costner

Thelma & Louise (1991) with Geena Davis and Brad Pitt

The Client (1994) with Joel Schumacher and Tommy Lee Jones

#13 Kathleen Turner



Born: Mary Kathleen Turner on June 19, 1954 (age 62) in Springfield, Missouri, United States

Education: American School in London

Alma mater: Missouri State University

Years active: 1977–present (Appeared in 35 movies)

Spouse: Jay Weiss (1984–2007; divorced; 1 child)

Facts: She made her film debut in 1981 as the ruthless Matty Walker in the thriller *Body Heat*; the role brought her to prominence as one of the Sexiest Stars in Film History. Since 1992, her career has been restricted by rheumatoid arthritis.

Movies: *Prizzi's Honor* (1985) with Jack Nicholson

Romancing the Stone (1984) with Michael Douglas

Body Heat (1981) with William Hurt

#14 Maureen O'Hara



Born: Maureen FitzSimons on 17 August 1920 in Dublin, Ireland – **Died** 24 October 2015 (aged 95) in Boise, Idaho
Years active: 1938–1973 and 1991–2000 (Appeared in 60 films)

Spouse(s): George H. Brown (m. 1939; ann. 1941) - Will Price (m. 1941; d. 1953) - Charles F. Blair, Jr. (m. 1968; d. 1978) **Children:** Bronwyn FitzSimons born in 1944

Facts: The famously red-headed O'Hara was known for her beauty and playing fiercely passionate but sensible heroines, often in westerns and adventure films. She worked on numerous occasions with director John Ford and longtime friend John Wayne, and was one of the last surviving stars from the Golden Age of Hollywood.

Movies: Rio Grande (1950) with John Wayne

The Quiet Man (1952) with John Wayne

The Wings of Eagles (1957) with John Wayne



Irish-born actress Maureen O'Hara was one of the biggest stars in films of the 1940s and '50s, an era when it was common for leading ladies to be domineered by male heroes. But not the fiery O'Hara. She more than held her own in her most heralded roles, even against as forceful a presence as John Wayne, with whom she made five films including the classic "The Quiet Man." "I was the only leading lady big enough and tough enough for John Wayne," she wrote in her 2004 memoir, "'Tis Herself." "Duke's presence was so strong that when audiences saw him finally meet a woman of equal hell and fire, it was exciting and thrilling." Yes, John Wayne was a long-time close friend with Maureen O'Hara and many thought they were the perfect couple.

#15 Sally Field



Born: Sally Margaret Field on November 6, 1946 (age 70) in Pasadena, California, U.S.

Years active: 1961–present (Appeared in 39 movies)

Spouse(s): Steve Craig (m. 1968–75)

Alan Greisman (m. 1984–93)

Facts: Field began her career in television, starring on the sitcoms *Gidget* (1965–66) and *The Flying Nun* (1967–70). She won the Academy Award for Best Actress for *Norma Rae* (1979) and *Places in the Heart* (1984).

Movies: *Absence of Malice* (1981) with Paul Newman

Mrs. Doubtfire (1993) with Robin Williams

Smokey and the Bandit (1977) with Burt Reynolds and Jackie Gleason – *Forest Gump* (1994) with Tom Hanks

#16 Ashley Judd



Born: Ashley Tyler Ciminella on April 19, 1968 (age 48) in Granada Hills, Los Angeles, California

Alma mater: University of Kentucky

Years active: 1991–present (Appeared in 32 movies)

Spouse: Dario Franchitti (m. 2001; d. 2013) - No children

Facts: Judd is known to attend University of Kentucky basketball games regularly (frequently sitting in the student section), and has also attended several Kentucky football games. In 2006, Judd went to the Shades of Hope Treatment Center in Texas for treatment of depression and insomnia.

Movies: *Double Jeopardy* (1999) with Tommy Lee Jones

Kiss the Girls (1997) with Morgan Freeman

High Crimes (2002) with Morgan Freeman

#17 Jane Fonda



Born: Jayne Seymour Fonda on December 21, 1937 (age 79) in New York City, New York

Years active: 1960–present (Appeared in 52 movies)

Spouse(s): Roger Vadim (m. 1965; d. 1973) - Tom Hayden (m. 1973; d. 1990) - Ted Turner (m. 1991; d. 2001)

Facts: In 1982, she released her first exercise video, *Jane Fonda's Workout*, which became the highest-selling video of the time. A political activist where she was famously and controversially photographed sitting on an anti-aircraft gun on a 1972 visit to Hanoi, Vietnam.

Movies: *Klute* (1971) with Donald Sutherland

Coming Home (1978) with Jon Voight and Bruce Dern

Cat Ballou (1965) with Lee Marvin

#18 Grace Kelly



Born: Grace Patricia Kelly on November 12, 1929 in Philadelphia, PA

Kelly retired from acting at the age of 26 (11 movies) to marry Rainier III, Prince of Monaco (m. 1956–82)

Children: Caroline, Princess of Hanover - Albert II, Prince of Monaco - Princess Stéphanie, Countess of Polignac

Death: On Sept 13, 1982, Kelly suffered a stroke while driving back to Monaco and lost control of her car and went down a 120-foot mountainside.

Movies: Rear Window (1954) with James Stewart

The Country Girl (1954) with Bing Crosby / William Holden

High Noon (1952) with Gary Cooper

Dial M for Murder (1954) with Ray Milland

#19 Halle Berry



Born: Maria Halle Berry on August 14, 1966 (age 50) in Cleveland, Ohio

Alma mater: Cuyahoga Community College

Years active: 1989–present (Appeared in 40 movies)

Spouse(s): David Justice (m. 1993; d. 1997) - Eric Benét (m. 2001; d. 2005) - Olivier Martinez (m. 2013; d. 2016)

Facts: She won the Academy Award for Best Actress in 2002 for her performance in the romantic drama *Monster's Ball* (2001), which made her the only black woman to win a Best Actress Academy Award to date, as of 2017.

Movies: *Swordfish* (2001) with John Travolta

Die Another Day (2002) with Pierce Brosnan as James Bond

Catwoman (2004) with Sharon Stone and Benjamin Bratt

#20 Jennifer Lopez



Born: Jennifer Lynn Lopez on July 24, 1969 (age 47) in The Bronx, New York, U.S.

Current Residence: Los Angeles, California

Occupation: Singer, actress, dancer, fashion designer, author, producer, and television personality

Years active: 1986–present (Appeared in 33 movies)

Net worth: \$350 million – She is the richest, most influential, and highest paid Latin entertainer in the world.

Spouse(s): Ojani Noa (m. 1997; d. 1998) - Cris Judd (m. 2001; d. 2003) - Marc Anthony (m. 2004; d. 2014) – Children: 2

Movies: *Enough* (2002) – *Selena* (1997) with Edward James Olmos - *The Wedding Planner* (2001) with Matthew McConaughey - *Out of Sight* (1998) with George Clooney

There you have it – my 20 favorite actresses. I examined more than 100 actresses and the movies they starred in and these are the winners. Just in case you were wondering who was number 21 and my best to not make the list, it was Marilyn Monroe. Yes, I picked Jennifer Lopez over Marilyn. After looking carefully at all the movies each star made, I decided that I would prefer watching those by Jennifer Lopez. Actually, I watched the movie “Enough” again just the other night and decided that Lopez is a pretty good actress. Both Jennifer and Marilyn are very attractive.



Some Statistics

I wanted to confirm what type of movies I like to watch best so I setup 16 categories and counted or included every movie mentioned in this article. Here are the results:

Thrillers	20	Romantic	7	Science Fiction	5	Animals	2
Crime/Mystery	14	Drama	7	Fantasy	4	Horror	0
Comedy	11	Action	6	War	3	Musicals	0
Western	8	Historical	5	Sports	3	Porn	0

Oldest (earliest birthdate) is Maureen O’Hara (1920) and Grace Kelly (1929)

Youngest (latest birthdate) is Angelina Jolie (1975) age 41 and Jennifer Lopez (1969) age 47

Appeared in the most movies:

Susan Sarandon (100) – Faye Dunaway (81) – Meryl Streep (72)

Here are (what I think are) the most attractive actresses on my list?

1. Grace Kelly
2. Jennifer Lopez
3. Kathleen Turner
4. Liz Taylor
5. Sharon Stone

Three (3) of the actresses on my list are dead.

Here is a very interesting fact:

The 20 actresses on the list have been married a combined 44 times. Out of the living 17 actresses, only four are currently married (Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts, Angelina Jolie and Jodie Foster). Angelina is in the process of divorcing Brad Pitt, rumor has Julia Robert’s marriage on the rocks, and Foster is married to another woman.

O well, that’s Hollywood!!

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