

Greatest Films of 1986



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- **Aliens (1986)**, 137 minutes, D: James Cameron
Description.



- **Blue Velvet (1986)**, 120 minutes, D: David Lynch
Description.



- **Children of a Lesser God (1986)**, 119 minutes, D: Randa Haines
Description.



- **The Color of Money (1986)**, 119 minutes, D: Martin Scorsese
Description.



- **"Crocodile" Dundee (1986)**, 102 minutes, D: Peter Faiman
Description.



- **The Fly (1986)**, 100 minutes, D: David Cronenberg
Description.



- **Hannah and Her Sisters (1986)**, 106 minutes, D: Woody Allen
Description.



- **The Hitcher (1986)**, 96 minutes, D: Robert Harmon
Description.



- **Manhunter (1986)**, 119 minutes, D: Michael Mann
Description.



- **The Mission (1986)**, 126 minutes, D: Roland Joffe
Description.



- **Mona Lisa (1986)**, 104 minutes, D: Neil Jordan
Description.



- **My Beautiful Launderette (1986)**, 93 minutes, D: Stephen Frears
Description.



- **Nine and 1/2 Weeks (1986)**, 117 minutes, D: Adrian Lyne
Description.



- **Platoon (1986)**, 111 minutes, D: Oliver Stone
Description.



- **A Room with a View (1986)**, 115 minutes, D: James Ivory
Description.



- **Ruthless People (1986)**, 93 minutes, D: Jim Abrahams, David Zucker, and Jerry Zucker
Description.



- **Something Wild (1986)**, 113 minutes, D: Jonathan Demme
Description.



- **Stand By Me (1986)**, 87 minutes, D: Rob Reiner
Description.



- **Top Gun (1986)**, 110 minutes, D: Tony Scott
Description.

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World Events

- [Spain and Portugal](#) join [European Economic Community](#) (Jan. 1).
- President [Reagan](#) freezes [Libyan](#) assets in US (Jan. 8). US planes attack [Libyan](#) "terrorist centers" (April 14).
- Haitian President [Jean-Claude Duvalier](#) flees to [France](#) (Feb. 7).
- President [Ferdinand Marcos](#) flees [Philippines](#) after ruling for 20 years; newly elected [Corazon Aquino](#) succeeds him (Feb. 26).
- [Union Carbide](#) agrees to settlement with victims of [Bhopal](#) gas leak in [India](#) (March 22).
- Major nuclear accident at [Soviet Union's Chernobyl](#) power station alarms world (April 26 et seq.).
- Ex-Navy analyst, [Jonathan Jay Pollard](#), 31, guilty as spy for [Israel](#) (June 4).
- [World Court](#) rules US broke international law in mining [Nicaraguan](#) waters (June 27).

World Statistics

Population: 4.932 billion
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[Nobel Peace Prize:](#)
[Elie Wiesel](#) (US)

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U.S. Events

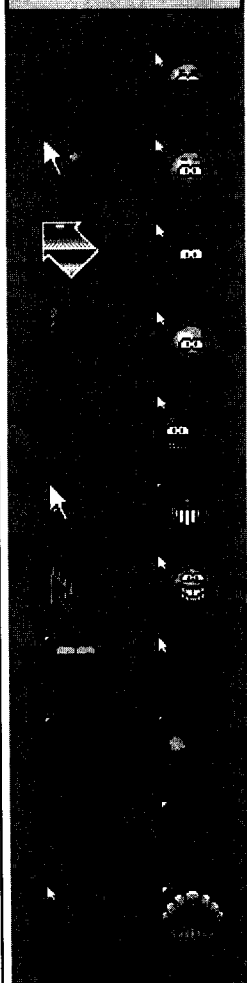
- US Supreme Court bars racial bias in trial jury selection (Jan. 14).

U.S. Statistics

President: [Ronald W. Reagan](#)
Vice President: [George](#)

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- **Space shuttle Challenger explodes after launch at Cape Canaveral, Fla., killing all seven aboard (Jan. 28).**
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- **US Supreme Court reaffirms abortion rights (June 11).**
- **Senate Judiciary Committee approves William H. Rehnquist as Chief Justice of US Supreme Court(Aug. 14).**
- **House votes arms appropriations bill rejecting Administration's "star wars" policy (Aug. 15).**
- **Secret initiative to send arms to Iran revealed (Nov. 6 et seq.); Reagan denies exchanging arms for hostages and halts arms sales (Nov. 19); diversion of funds from arms sales to Nicaraguan Contras revealed (Nov. 25).**

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Economics

US GDP (1998 dollars): \$4,422.20 billion
Federal spending: \$990.34 billion
Federal debt: \$2120.6 billion
Median Household Income (current dollars): \$24,897
Consumer Price Index: 109.6
Unemployment: 7.0%
Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.22

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Sports

Super Bowl
Chicago d. New England (46-10)

World Series
NY Mets d. Boston Red Sox (4-3)

NBA Championship
Boston d. Houston (4-2)

Stanley Cup
Montreal d. Calgary (4-1)

Wimbledon
Women: Martina Navratilova d. H. Mandlikova (7-6 6-3)
Men: Boris Becker d. I. Lendl (6-4 6-3 7-5)

Kentucky Derby Champion
Ferdinand

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NCAA Basketball Championship
Louisville d. Duke (72-69)

NCAA Football Champions
Penn St. (12-0-0)

World Cup
Argentina d. W. Germany (3-2)

Entertainment

Events

- Barry Diller, head of News Corp., creates Fox, the fourth television network. Fox offers 10 hours of prime-time programming a week.
- The Television Bureau of Advertising announces that the average American household watches television for more than seven hours a day.
- *The Oprah Winfrey Show* hits national television.
- The Academic American Encyclopedia is available on CD-ROM. It is the first reference work published in this medium.
- Nintendo video games introduced in U.S.

Movies

- *Platoon, Hannah and Her Sisters, The Color of Money, The Mission*

Books

- Kingsley Amis, *The Old Devils*
- Alice Munro, *The Progress of Love*
- Peter Taylor, *A Summer to Memphis*

Entertainment Awards

Pulitzer Prizes

Fiction: *Lonesome Dove*, Larry McMurtry
Music: *Wind Quintet IV*, George Perle

Oscars awarded in 1986

Academy Award, Best Picture: *Out of Africa*, Sydney Pollack, producer (Universal)

Nobel Prize for Literature: Wole Soyinka (Nigeria)

1986 Emmy Awards

1986 Tony Awards

Grammys awarded in 1986

Record of the Year: "We Are the World," USA for Africa

Album of the Year: *No Jacket Required*, Phil Collins (Atlantic)

Song of the Year: "We Are the World," Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie, songwriters

Miss America: Susan Akin (MS)

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Science

Nobel Prizes in Science

- K. Alex Müller (Switzerland) and J. Georg Bednorz (Germany) discover superconductivity in a ceramic material at -397°F, a higher temperature than ever before.
 - Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager make the first nonstop flight around the world without refueling. The *Voyager* flew around the world (24,986 miles) from Edwards AFB, California, returning in 216 hours, 3 minutes, and 44 seconds (Dec. 14–23). Background: Famous Firsts in Aviation
 - The first genetically-engineered vaccine, for hepatitis B, gains FDA approval. Background: Health & Nutrition
 - The *Voyager 2* probe passes Uranus in January, returning images and data on its moon, rings, atmosphere, interior, and magnetic field. Background: US Unstaffed Planetary and Lunar Programs
 - Halley's comet yields information on return visit (April 10). Background: comets
- Chemistry:** Dudley R. Herschback, Yuan T. Lee (both US), and John C. Polanyi (Canada), for their work on "reaction dynamics"
- Physics:** Ernst Ruska, Gerd Binnig (both Germany), and Heinrich Rohrer (Switzerland), for work on microscopes
- Physiology or Medicine:** Rita Levi-Montalcini (dual US/Italy) and Stanley Cohen (US), for their contributions to the understanding of substances that influence cell growth

Deaths

- Olof Palme (Swedish politician)
- Georgia O'Keeffe
- Harold Macmillan
- Duchess of Windsor

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