

Top Five Movies – Romance/Drama

1. Roxanne

Fearless small-town firefighter C.D. Bales ([Steve Martin](#)) becomes smitten with beautiful stargazer Roxanne Kowalski ([Daryl Hannah](#)) but is self-conscious about his exceedingly long proboscis. The fair maiden has also captured the fancy of C.D.'s handsome but tongue-tied chum Chris ([Rick Rossovich](#)). C.D. thinks he's too ugly to snag Roxanne's heart, so he woos her vicariously by supplying his rival with florid sentiments and poignant poetry. (from [www.netflix.com](#))

PG - 107 minutes - 1987
Director - Fred Schepisi

Steve Martin, Rick Rossovich, Damon Wayans, Daryl Hannah, Shelley Duvall, others

2. A Good Year

Oscar winner [Ridley Scott](#) directs this adaptation of Peter Mayle's best-selling novel, following the romantic misadventures of an Englishman in Provence, France. After inheriting a vineyard from his uncle ([Albert Finney](#)), failed banker Max Skinner ([Russell Crowe](#)) moves abroad, where he meets a beautiful French woman ([Marion Cotillard](#)), as well as a feisty American ([Abbie Cornish](#)) who claims to be his long-lost cousin -- and his uncle's true heir. (from [www.netflix.com](#))

PG-13 - 114 minutes - 2006
Director - Ridley Scott

Russell Crowe, Isabelle Candelier, Freddy Highmore, Tom Hollander, Albert Finney, Abbie Cornish, Marion Cotillard, Archid Panjabi

3. Love Actually

An ensemble comedy that tells 10 separate (but intertwining) London love stories, leading to a big climax on Christmas Eve. One of the threads follows the brand-new, unmarried Prime Minister ([Hugh Grant](#)) of the United Kingdom, who, on his first day in 10 Downing Street, falls in love with the girl ([Martine McCutcheon](#)) who brings him his tea. [Denise Richards](#), [Alan Rickman](#), [Keira Knightley](#) and [Rowan Atkinson](#) co-star. (from [www.netflix.com](#))

R - 135 minutes - 2003
Director - Richard Curtis

Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Emma Thompson, Keira Knightley, Rowan Atkinson, January Jones, Denise Richards, Billy Bob Thornton, Liam Neeson, Laura Linney, Alan Rickman, Bil Nighy, Martine McCutcheon, Elisha Cuthbert, Rodrigo Santoro, others

4. Garden State

Andrew Largeman ([Zach Braff](#), who also directed) returns to his hometown in New Jersey after a decade away to attend his mother's funeral. Having just weaned himself off antidepressants, the young man begins to see his life in a new light, which leads him to confront his psychologist father ([Ian Holm](#)) and forge a connection with a new friend ([Natalie Portman](#)). This whimsical comedy premiered at the 2004 Sundance Film Festival. (from [www.netflix.com](#))

R - 103 minutes - 2004
Director - Zach Braff

Zach Braff, Natalie Portman, Jean Smart, Ian Holm, Peter Sarsgaard, others

5. Lost in Translation

Set in Tokyo, this subtle, nuanced film played [Bill Murray](#) against type and earned director [Sofia Coppola](#) an Original Screenplay Oscar. Two lost souls -- the young, neglected wife ([Scarlett Johansson](#)) of a photographer and a washed-up movie star (Murray, in an Oscar-nominated performance) shooting a TV commercial -- find an odd solace and pensive freedom to be real in each other's company and away from their lives in America (from [www.netflix.com](#))

R - 102 minutes - 2003
Director - Sofia Coppola

Bill Murray, Anna Farris, Fumihiko Hayashi, Scarlett Johansson, Giovanni Ribisi, Catherine Lambert, others

