

JANUARY 2004 SHOWTIME & MOVIE ONE RATINGS

MOVIE TITLE	LEONARD MALTIN 1-4 stars	MARTIN & PORTER 1-5 stars	OUR RATING 1-4 stars	OUR COMMENT	MESSEN- GER RATING 1-5 stars
About a Boy (02)	★★★	★★★★			
Achilles Love (00)					
Ali (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★ ¹ / ₂			★★★
American Girl (00)					
American Pie 2 (01)	★★	★★			★★ ¹ / ₂
American Psycho II: All American Girl (02)		TURKEY			
America's Sweethearts (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★ ¹ / ₂	★ ¹ / ₂	Silly and not all that entertaining	
Animal Farm (99)		★★★			
Anya's Bell (99)					
Atlantis: The Lost Empire (01)	★★★	★★★			
Attraction (00)					
Audrey's Rain (03)					
Auggie Rose (01)	★★				
Australian Rules (02)					★★★★
Back to the Secret Garden (00)					
Backlash (01)					
Balto: Wolf Quest (01)					
Bandits (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★ ¹ / ₂			★★★ ¹ / ₂
Beautician and the Beast, The (97)	★ ¹ / ₂	★★★ ¹ / ₂	★★		
Beautiful People (99)	★★★	★★★★			
Beer Money (01)					
Beethoven's Fourth (00)					
Before Women Had Wings (97)			★★★	Solid. Earnest performance from Oprah	
Beggar Bride, The (97)					
Behind the Red Door (01)			★★	Mildly interesting, but ending is too neat	
Beijing Bicycle (02)	★★				
Believer, The (01)	★★★ ¹ / ₂				
Big Fat Liar (02)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★ ¹ / ₂			
Black Gold – Gentle Ben (02)					
Black Knight (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★			
Black Light (98)					
Blind Terror (00)					
Blue Valley Songbird (99)					
Border Patrol (01)					
Born Romantic (00)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★			
Borough of Kings (00)					
Brian's Song (01)	ABOVE AVERAGE	★★★			
Brother (00)	★★★	★★★			
Brother's Keeper (01)					

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Bubble Boy (01)	BOMB	★★			
Bug's Life, A (98)	★★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★★			
Bumblebee Flies Anyway, The (98)		★★★			
Captain Corelli's Mandolin (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★ ¹ / ₂			
Carman: The Champion (01)	★★				
Carol Christmas, A (03)					
Cause of Death (97)					
Caveman's Valentine, The (01)	★ ¹ / ₂	★★★★ ¹ / ₂	★★	Not too bad	
Chain of Fools (00)					
Chasing Holden (01)		★★			
Claim, The (00)	★★	★★★			
Coast to Coast (03)					
Come Together (01)					
Coming Soon (98)	BOMB				
Corky Romano (01)	BOMB	TURKEY			★ ¹ / ₂
Cover Story (02)					
Cowboy Up (00)		★★ ¹ / ₂			
Crimson Rivers, The (00)	★★★	★★★★			
Critical Assembly (02)					
Critical Mass (00)		TURKEY			
Crooked Mile, The (01)					
Crossroads (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★	★★	Okay, bad acting aside	★ ¹ / ₂
Curse of the Jade Scorpion (01)	★★	★★★			★★★
Dangerous Child (01)					
Dash and Lily (00)					
Date with Darkness, A (03)					
Desperation Boulevard (98)					
Devil's Backbone, The (02)	★★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★ ¹ / ₂			
Dirt (01)					
Disco Pigs (01)					
Dog Eat Dog (00)					
Dogsbody (99)					
Dogtown and Z-Boys (01)	★★★ ¹ / ₂				
Don's Plum (01)					
Door to Door (02)	ABOVE AVERAGE	★★★★ ¹ / ₂			
Down to Earth (01)	★ ¹ / ₂	★★			
Druids (00)			★	Stilted and corny	
Earth Vs. The Spider (01)		★★★			
Edges of the Lord (01)					
Emporer's New Groove, The (00)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★★			
Enemy at the Gates (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★ ¹ / ₂			
Enigma (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★★			

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Escort, The (99)					
Esther Kahn (00)	★ ¹ / ₂				
Everybody's Doing It (02)					
Fancy Dancing (02)					
Fast and the Furious, The (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★ ¹ / ₂			
First Time Felon (97)		★★★ ¹ / ₂			
Flamingo Rising, The (01)		★★★ ¹ / ₂			
Focus (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★			
Forever Lulu (00)					
40 Days and 40 Nights (01)	★ ¹ / ₂	★★★			
Freddy Got Fingered (01)	BOMB	TURKEY	★	Woeful	
Friends and Lovers (99)	★ ¹ / ₂	★★			
Gaudi Afternoon (01)					
Get a Clue (02)					
Get Over It (01)	★★	★★			
Get Well Soon (01)					
Getting Personal (97)		★★ ¹ / ₂			
Getting There (02)					
Girl from Rio (00)					
Glitter (01)	★ ¹ / ₂	★★	★★	Not really tall hat bad	★ ¹ / ₂
Global Heresy (02)					
Glow, The (01)					
Goddess of 1967, The (00)					
Golden Bowl, The (00)	★★★	★★★ ¹ / ₂			
Great Gatsby, The (01)					
Happy Campers (01)					
Hard Ground (03)					
Hard Word, The (02)					
He Died with a Felafel in His Hand (01)			★ ¹ / ₂	Pretty silly	
Heart of a Stranger (02)					
Heartbreakers (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★	★★	Trashy comedy	
Hearts in Atlantis (01)	★★	★★★★ ¹ / ₂			★★ ¹ / ₂
Hedwig and the Angry Inch (01)	★★★	★★★★	★★★	Stunning	
Heist (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★ ¹ / ₂			
High Heels and Low Lifes (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★			
Holding Out Hope (03)					
Holiday in the Sun (01)					
Home Alone 4 (02)					
Homeless to Harvard (03)					
Hostage Negotiator (01)					
How High (01)	★★	TURKEY			
Hunter: Back in Force (03)					

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Hysterical Blindness (02)	ABOVE AVERAGE				
Ice Age (02)	★★★	★★★★ ¹ / ₂			★★
Impostor (02)	BOMB	★★			
In Crowd, The (01)	BOMB	TURKEY			
In the Weeds (00)					
Independent, The (00)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★ ¹ / ₂			
Intimacy (01)		★★			
Invisible Circus, The (01)	★★				
Jailbait (00)		★★			
Jason X (01)	★ ¹ / ₂	★★			
Jasper Texas (03)					
Jenifer (01)					
Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★			★★★
Joanne Kilbourn Mysteries, The: Verdict in Blood (02)					
Joe Somebody (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★			★★ ¹ / ₂
Josie and the Pussycats (01)	★★	★★	★★	Doesn't quite hit it, but It's fun	
Just One Night (00)		★★★			
Just Visiting (01)	★★	★★★ ¹ / ₂			
K-PAX (01)	★★	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★ ¹ / ₂	Not bad - but the book's better	★★★
Kid's World (01)					
Kill Me Later (00)	★ ¹ / ₂	★★★			
King & Queen of Moonlight Bay, The (03)					
Kiss My Act (01)					
Kissed by an Angel (00)					
Knight's Tale, A (01)	★★	★★	★★	Works against itself	
Kung Pow: Enter the Fist (01)	★ ¹ / ₂	TURKEY			
La Femme Musketeer (03)					
La Spagnola (00)			★★	Well done but goes nowhere	
Lady in Question, The (99)					
Laramie Project, The (02)	ABOVE AV.				
Last Brickmaker in America, The (01)					
Last Chance (03)					
Learning Curve, The (01)		TURKEY			
Life as a House (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★★			
Long Run, The (00)		★★ ¹ / ₂			
Looking for an Echo (99)					
Lord of the Rings, The: The Fellowship of the Ring (01)	★★★	★★★★★	★★★ ¹ / ₂	Exciting and Faithful almost to a tee	★★★★★
Love Comes Softly (00)					
Lovely & Amazing (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★★ ¹ / ₂			
Majestic, The (01)	★★	★★			★★★

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Maldonada Miracle, The (03)					
Mapmaker (01)					
Marion Bridge (02)					
Marriage of Convenience, A (98)					
Max Keeble's Big Move (01)	★★	TURKEY			
Men in Black II (02)		★★★½			
Men Seeking Women (01)					
Milk (01)					
Minority Report (02)	★★½	★★★★			★★★★
Molokai: The Story of Father Damien (99)	★★½	★★★★			
Mom's Got a Date with a Vampire (00)					
Monster Makers (03)					
Monsters Inc. (01)	★★★	★★★★			★★★½
Monte Walsh (03)		★★★★			
More Than Meets the Eye: The Joan Brock Story (03)					
Most Deadly Family, A (01)			★½	Seems contrived	
Mothman Prophecies, The (01)	★★	★★½	★½	Rather incredible	★★★
Motocrossed (01)		★★			
Musketeer, The (01)	BOMB	★★★			
My Fair Madeline (02)					
Mystery Woman (03)					
Mystic Masseur, The (01)	★★	★★½			
New Best Friend (01)	BOMB				
New Guy, The (02)	★½	TURKEY			
On the Edge (00)					
One Night at McCool's (01)	★★	★★★			
Orange County (02)	★★	★★			
Osiris Project, The (02)					
Osmosis Jones (01)	★★	★★★			
Others, The (01)	★★★	★★★★★	★★★	Fascinating twist on ghost story	★★★
Our Boy (97)					
Out of the Ashes (02)					
Outside the Law (01)					
Painful Secrets (00)					
Parole Officer, The (01)					
Path to War (02)	ABOVE AVERAGE				
Pavement (02)					
Phantom of the Megaplex (02)					
Phoenix Blue (01)					
Pipe Dream (02)					
Pledge, The (01)	★★★	★★★			

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Point of Origin (02)					
Ponder Heart, The (00)					
Pooch and the Pauper, The (99)					
Pootie Tang (01)	BOMB	TURKEY			
Powerplay (99)					
President's Man, The: Ground Zero (02)					
Princess and the Marine, The (01)					
Purely Belter (01)					★★★★
Rabbit-Proof Fence (02)	★★★	★★★★			
Race to Space (01)					
Rain (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂				
Rat Race (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★ ¹ / ₂	★ ¹ / ₂	A lot of talent, wasted	
Rated X (00)	BELOW AVERAGE	★★★			
Ready to Run (00)					
Red Letters (00)		★★			
Resident Evil (02)	★ ¹ / ₂	★★★			
RFK (02)					
Riding in Cars with Boys (01)	★★	★★	★★	Characters all unsympathetic	★★
Roadkill (01)					★★★
Rock Star (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★ ¹ / ₂	★★ ¹ / ₂	Well made but predicatable	★★★
Roman Spring of Mrs Stone, The (02)					
Route 666 (01)		★★			
Running Red (99)					
Rush Hour 2 (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★ ¹ / ₂	★★ ¹ / ₂	Action and fun	
Rush of Fear (02)					
Scooby-Doo (02)	★★	★★★			★★ ¹ / ₂
Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chaser (01)					
Scorpion King, The (02)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★			★★ ¹ / ₂
Scoundrel's Wife, The (01)					
Searching for Debra Winger (02)					
Secret Men's Business (99)					
See Jane Date (03)					
Serendipity (01)	★★★	★★★ ¹ / ₂			★★ ¹ / ₂
Sexual Predator (00)					
Shallow Hal (01)	★★	TURKEY	★★	Gross and cute at the same time	★★ ¹ / ₂
Showtime (02)	★★		★★	Lightweight	
Sidewalks of New York (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★ ¹ / ₂			
Silent Cry (02)					
Silent Night (02)					
Simon Magus (99)	★★		★ ¹ / ₂	Offbeat	
Slackers (02)	BOMB	TURKEY			
Slap Shot 2: Breaking the Ice (01)					

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Snipes (01)		★★			
Snow Dogs (02)	★★	★★			
Someone Like You (01)	★★	★★ ^{1/2}			
Sorority Boys (02)	★ ^{1/2}	TURKEY			★★
Soul Survivors (01)	BOMB	★★			
Speaking of Sex (01)			★★	Gratuitous sex comedy	
Speedway Junkie (99)					
Spider-Man (02)	★★ ^{1/2}	★★★★			★★★ ^{1/2}
Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (02)	★★★	★★★			
Spring Break Lawyer (01)		★★ ^{1/2}			
Stolen from the Heart (99)					
Storytelling (01)	★★	★★			
Straight from the Heart (03)					
Stranger Beside Me, The (02)					
Submerged (01)			★★ ^{1/2}	Straightforward and low key	
Suburbans, The (99)	★ ^{1/2}	★★			
Sum of All Fears, The (02)	★★ ^{1/2}	★★★			
Summer Catch (01)	★★	★★★			
Survival Island (02)					
Sweet Revenge (01)					
Sweetest Thing, The (02)	★★ ^{1/2}	★★★ ^{1/2}			
Tagged: The Jonathan Wamback Story (01)					
Taming Andrew (00)					
Teen Sorcery (99)		TURKEY			
Teenage Caveman (01)		TURKEY			
Teesh & Trude (02)					
Testimony of Taliesin Jones (00)					
Texas Rangers, The (01)	★★ ^{1/2}	★★★★			
Thicker Than Blood (01)					
Things You Can Tell by Looking at Her (00)	★★★	★★★★			
Time to Remember, A (03)					
To End All Wars (01)					
Too Legit: The MC Hammer Story (01)					
Too Much Flesh (01)					
Too Smooth (98)		★★			
Too Young to be a Father (02)			★★	Sanitised, family weepie	
Touch of Fate, A (01)					
Treed Murray (01)					
Trial by Media (00)					
Tripfall (00)					
Trois 2: Pandora's Box (01)					

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Truth About Jane, The (00)					
Two Can Play That Game (01)	★★	★★			
Unfaithful (02)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★			★★ ¹ / ₂
Unshackled (00)					
Valentine (01)	★ ¹ / ₂	TURKEY			
Venus & Mars (01)					
Virginia's Run (02)					
Waking Life (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★ ¹ / ₂			
Welcome to Hollywood (98)		★★ ¹ / ₂			
What's the Worst That Could Happen? (01)	★★ ¹ / ₂	★★	★★	Ho-hum	
When Strangers Appear (01)		★★			
When the Sky Falls (00)	★ ¹ / ₂	★★★ ¹ / ₂			
Whitewash: The Clarence Brandley Story (01)					
Witness Files, The (99)					
Yolngu Boy (00)			★★	Interesting look at culture clash	
Zenon: The Zequel (01)					
Zoolander (01)	★★★ ¹ / ₂	★★★	★	Drivel	★★ ¹ / ₂