



Buried treasures

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Shot, chopped, discarded, mutilated and, like Frankenstein's monster, pieced together again to create, in those rare instances of creative certainty, dynamic entities, films are able to boldly capture the imagination.

When the magic is there millions may flock. But there may be magic yet no notoriety. Buried Treasures, cinematic gems which have gotten locked away in the vault of time or cursed by the ghost of anonymity, are waiting to be found all around us. Such is the case with:

The Bridge (Dir. Bernhard Wicki, 1954)

Set in Germany at the end of World War II The Bridge is the story of a group of idealistic adolescents whose glorified vision of a victorious Germany is shattered by the bitter realities of war

What emerges from this impressively done piece is one of the most chilling anti-war statements in film.

The Innocents (Dir. Jack Clayton, 1961)

Director Clayton takes great pains in successfully bringing Henry James' classic tale of the supernatural, Turn of the Screw, to the screen. With the help of a splendid cast and faithfulness to the original story none of the psychological subtleties are overlooked. Nor any of the important ambiguities.

Deborah Kerr as the harried guardian is just about as good as she can be. But the work of Pamela Franklin and Martin Stephens as the two possessed children is the film's ultimate forte. Their portrayals may represent the best ever done by children in a film.

Husbands (John Cassavetes, 1970)

As in his other films (Minnie and Moskowitz, Faces, and Woman Under the Influence) Cassavetes' penchant for realism abounds in this episodic, loosely-meshed story of three men who are forced to suddenly re-assess their lives.

Using close friends Ben Gazzara and Peter Falk as the other male leads, Cassavetes' film exudes a spontaneous, improvisational quality which works to perfection in bringing us in touch with the films characters.

Fat City (Dir. John Huston, 1972)

In recent years it can be justifiably said that John Huston's work has deteriorated. Fat City seemed to briefly re-establish that the old boy still had it in him.

On the strength of Stacy Keach's finest performance to date this story of a second-rate, washed-up boxer packs a solidly sobering punch.



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