

Introduction to Gerontology
Spring Semester
Assignment #2 -- Movie List

About Schmidt

(2002) - Warren Schmidt is a man in his 60's. While trying to run his daughter's life, he realizes that he wasted his.

Amour

(2012) - Georges and Anne are cultivated, retired music teachers in their eighties. Their daughter lives abroad. Changes in Anne's health disrupt life as they all know it.

A Short History of Decay

(2013). With his future as a writer in ruins and his girlfriend gone, Nathan travels to Florida to help take care of his aging parents.

Away from Her

(2006) - A couple struggles to respond to the wife's diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and her deteriorating condition.

Boynton Beach Club

(2007) - This is a romantic comedy about our amazing capacity to rebound and fall in love at any age. Lois, Harry, Marilyn, Sandy and Jack live in an "Active Adult" community in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Calendar Girls

(2003) - A group of older women redefine sexuality for the older woman when they pose nude for a fundraiser.

Fried Green Tomatoes

(1991) - A woman learns the value of friendship as she hears the story of two women and how their friendship shaped their lives in this warm comedy-drama.

Gran Torino

(2008) - Walt Kowalski is a grumpy, tough-minded, unhappy old man, who can't get along with either his kids or his neighbors, a Korean War veteran whose prize possession is a 1972 Gran Torino he keeps in mint condition. When his neighbor Thao, a young Hmong teenager under pressure from his gang member cousin, tries to steal his Gran Torino, Kowalski sets out to reform the youth.

Harold and Maude

(1971) - A young man and an older woman experience role reversals when she must jolt him out of an obsession with death.

A Late Quartet

(2012) - As a quartet approaches its 25th anniversary, the debilitating illness of one member unleashes the drama in their relationships.

Little Miss Sunshine

(2006) - This film depicts a dysfunctional family that includes a grandfather who dotes on his grandchild in a charming yet bizarre manner—a very different slant from the traditional grandfather role.

Nebraska

(2013) - When a cantankerous old boozier thinks he's won a magazine sweepstakes prize, his son reluctantly takes a road trip with him to claim the fortune.

Quartet

(2012) - A trio of retired opera singers' annual celebration of Verdi's birthday sours when their estranged fourth member shows up but refuses to sing.

R.E.D.

(2010) - This action-comedy movie is about retired spies coming back to work, and bringing their wit and wisdom with them.

Secondhand Lions

(2003) - Michael Caine and Robert Duvall portray eccentric uncles from rural Texas who host their urban nephew for a summer. The nephew tries to figure out if local rumors of his uncles' illegal activity and globe-trotting adventures are true.

Space Cowboys

(2000) - When a retired engineer is called upon to rescue a failing satellite, he insists that his equally old teammates accompany him into space.

Still Mine

(2012) - When an elderly farmer tries to build a new home for his ailing wife, he faces the wrath of an overzealous government inspector.

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

(2012) - A group of older adults from England decide to stretch their retirement pound by relocating to India. When they arrive, they find their accommodations much less luxurious than advertised, but in the process of adjusting, they find renewed vigor in their sunset years.

The Bucket List

(2008) - Two terminally ill men escape from a cancer ward and head off on a road trip with a wish list of to-dos before they die.

The Notebook

(2004) - The movie focuses on an old man reading a story to an old woman in a nursing home.

Tortilla Soup

(2001) - A widower and his adult daughters face growing pains as they all try to take steps forward into their next life stages.

Unfinished Song

(2012) - Vanessa introduces her curmudgeonly husband Arthur to her singing group. Unexpected discovery ensues despite his resistance.

Up

(2009) - Widower Carl Frederickson tries to "get by" following the death of his wife. His world turns upside down when a wilderness scout Russell enters his life. They have an uneasy time working out a relationship while trying to solve a set of outlandish problems, starting with how to get home from an accidental journey by hot air balloon.

Young at Heart

(Documentary--2008) - Documents the true story of the final weeks of rehearsal for the Young at Heart Chorus in Northampton, MA, whose average age is 81, and many of whom must overcome health adversities to participate.