

CASA Movie List

- **Antwone Fisher**

<http://www.amazon.com/Antwone-Fisher-Widescreen-Edition-Washington/dp/B00005JLRZ>

A story of a troubled sailor, Luke, who is ordered to see a naval psychiatrist about his volatile temper. Little does he know that his first step into the doctor's office will lead him on a remarkable emotional journey to confront his painful past and connect with the family he never knew.

- **Bastard Out of Carolina**

<http://www.amazon.com/Bastard-Carolina-Jennifer-Jason-Leigh/dp/1572526807>

Difficult tale of poor, struggling South Carolinian mother & daughter, who each face painful choices with their resolve and pride. Bone, the eldest daughter, and Anney her tired mother, grow both closer and farther apart: Anney sees Glen as her last chance.

- **Blindside**

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Blind-Side-Sandra-Bullock/dp/B002VECM6S>

The story of Michael Oher, a homeless African-American youngster from a broken home, taken in by the Touhys, a well-to-do white family who help him fulfill his potential. As a football player and student, Oher works hard and, with the help of his coaches and adopted family, becomes an All-American offensive left tackle.

- **Crash**

<http://www.amazon.com/Crash-Widescreen-Edition-Don-Cheadle/dp/B000A3XY5A>

A car accident brings together a group of strangers in Los Angeles. Crash takes a provocative, unflinching look at the complexities of racial tolerance in contemporary America.

- **From Place to Place**

<http://fromplacetoplacemovie.com/>

Despite being let down and left behind by America's foster care system, From Place to Place follows plucky underdogs Mandy and Raif as they set out to change the system that raised them.

- **Gone, Baby, Gone**

<http://www.amazon.com/Gone-Baby-Casey-Affleck/dp/B0010ZR160>

Two young private detectives are hired to take a closer look at the mysterious disappearance of a little girl and soon discover that nothing is what it seems. Ultimately, they will have to risk everything -- their relationship, their sanity, and even their lives -- to find a little girl-lost.

- **Good Will Hunting**

<http://www.amazon.com/Good-Will-Hunting-Robin-Williams/dp/0788814664>

A young working-class genius is hauled back from the brink of self-destruction by a gifted counselor.

- **Gracie's Choice**

<http://www.amazon.com/Gracies-Choice-Kristen-Bell/dp/B000679MF6>

A teenage girl tries to raise her three half-brothers and 1 half-sister on her own after their drug-addicted mother is sent to jail.

- **Lovely Bones**

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Lovely-Bones-Saoirse-Ronan/dp/B001QOGYAO>

Susie Salmon, a young girl who has been murdered, watches over her family -- and her killer -- from heaven. She must weigh her desire for vengeance against her desire for her family to heal.

- **Mr. Holland's Opus**

<http://www.amazon.com/Mr-Hollands-Opus-Richard-Dreyfuss/dp/6305428352>

Glenn Holland is a passionate musician who dreams of composing one truly memorable piece of music. But reality intrudes when he reluctantly accepts a "day job" as a high school music teacher to support his family. In time, however, Mr. Holland realizes that his real passion is teaching, and his legacy is the generations of young people he inspires.

- **Music of the Heart**

<http://www.amazon.com/Music-Heart-VHS-Meryl-Streep/dp/6305763305>

Heartwarming, acclaimed true story of how one woman's musical gift affected those who least expected it! A single mother with little more than talent and the determination to make a difference, Roberta Guaspari overcame the skepticism of everyone who didn't think she should be teaching violin to students in a tough inner-city neighborhood.

- **My Sister's Keeper**

<http://www.amazon.com/My-Sisters-Keeper-Cameron-Diaz/dp/B001OQCV1K>

My Sister's Keeper examines what it means to be a good parent, a good sister, a good person. Is it morally correct to do whatever it takes to save a child's life... even if that means infringing upon the rights of another? Is it worth trying to discover who you really are, if that quest makes you like yourself less?

- **Rabbit Proof Fence**

<http://www.amazon.com/Rabbit-Proof-Fence-Kenneth-Branagh/dp/B00005JLD4>

In Australia of the 1930s, after a racist governmental edict "relocates" them from their families, three Aboriginal girls run away from the white government camp they have been stranded at and embark on a long walk home, using a length of rabbit-proof fencing as a compass for their journey.

- **The 400 Blows**

<http://www.amazon.com/The-400-Blows-Jean-Pierre-L%C3%A9aud/dp/1572525320>

A boy who turns to petty crime in the face of neglect at home and hard times at a reform school. Poignant, exhilarating, and fun (there's a parade of cameo appearances from some of the essential icons and directors from the movement), this film is an important classic.

- **The Christmas Box**

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Christmas-Timepiece-Naomi-Watts/dp/B0000ALPIW>

In this heartwarming Christmas tale, a young family become caretakers for a wealthy widow. While the husband's quirky, work-obsessed personality begins to take its toll on both his wife and their employer, through a series of dreams he comes to discover secrets leading him to believe that they were all meant to be together.

- **The Color of Purple**

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Color-Purple-Danny-Glover/dp/0790729717>

This film follows the life of Celie, a young black girl growing up in the early 1900's. The first time we see Celie, she is 14 - and pregnant - by her father. We stay with her for the next 30 years of her tough life.

- **The Help**

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Help-Emma-Stone/dp/B004A8ZWVK>

Set in Mississippi during the 1960s, Skeeter (Stone) is a southern society girl who returns from college determined to become a writer. She decides to interview the black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent southern families. Along the way, unlikely friendships are forged and a new sisterhood emerges.

- **The Kid with a Bike**

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Kid-Bike-Thomas-Doret/dp/B006IW8DCQ>

Abandoned by his father, a young boy is left in a state-run youth farm. In a random act of kindness, the town hairdresser agrees to foster him on weekends.

- **This Boy's Life**

<http://www.amazon.com/This-Boys-Life-Robert-Niro/dp/B00008DP4C>

DiCaprio plays Tobias, a good kid with a bad boy streak but an unwavering love for his divorced mother. DiCaprio is magnetic in his first starring role, full of anger, hope, and confusion as he drifts back to juvenile delinquency, and his intensity gives the true story of survival and triumph its charge.

- **The Pursuit of Happyness**

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Pursuit-Of-Happyness/dp/B000OW77UU>

Will Smith stars in this moving tale inspired by the true story about a struggling single father who dreams of a better life for his young son. Finding themselves homeless, he risks everything by embarking on an unpaid internship in a highly competitive stockbroker training program where only one in twenty interns make the grade.