



The Departed (2006) [151m] D: Martin Scorsese C: Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson, Mark Wahlberg, Vera Farmiga, Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin, Ray Winstone, Kevin Corrigan.

Blistering American crime saga helmed by a master of its genre. DiCaprio is hired as undercover agent for the Boston State Police to infiltrate and collect information on ruthless crime boss Nicholson. Meanwhile, ambitious Damon is a mole for Nicholson determined on ascending the inner tiers of law enforcement.

Smart, violent, edge-of-your-seat entertainment of the highest order. William Monahan’s incendiary Oscar winning screenplay, inspired by hit Hong Kong film “Infernal Affairs,” serves up an entire banquet for its director and cast to feast. Wahlberg is prominent amid a dynamite ensemble of heavyweights.

Other Oscars include Picture, Director, and Editing (Thelma Schoonmaker). **R** **DVD**

Get Out (2017) [103m] D: Jordan Peele. C: Daniel Kaluuya, Allison Williams, Bradley Whitford, Catherine Keener, Caleb Landry Jones, Marcus Henderson, Betty Gabriel, Stephen Root, Lakeith Stanfield.

A young black photographer (Kaluya) hesitantly accepts an invitation to spend time at his white girlfriend’s country estate. Upon arrival he is amiably inducted by her progressive family, yet something appears askew about his surroundings.

Original, biting satiric, multi-cultural thriller—barring a Hitchcockian facade--works most successfully as social commentary than as horror film, but Peele (who won Oscar for his screenplay) devises an edgy and penetrating investigation of race and relationships that never lets up—even if the denouement settles for convention. **R** **DVD**



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