

## Site test



**www.imdb.com** ★★★★★

The Internet Movie Database is an astonishingly comprehensive cinematic directory. Search for a film and you receive a detailed cast list, links to several reviews and plentiful trivia. The more obscure the film, the less data you get, but it is rare to find a movie that is not listed at all. Much of the material is too esoteric to be verifiable, but there are no howling errors. With endless internal links and daily updates of news and gossip, this is one of those sites where you always browse for longer than you initially intended.



**www.aintitcoolnews.com** ★★★★

The site that alerted Hollywood to the power of the net is still the place to go for insider news. The movie-mad Harry Knowles delivers unlimited tittle-tattle from the earliest stages of film production, complemented by up-to-the-minute trailers. Drawing on an army of spies, he also provides revelatory reports from the secretive test screenings where the studios show their works-in-progress. Knowles combines a boisterous personality with a good track record for accuracy, and shows no sign of selling out.



**www.film.com** ★★★

Regular visits to this searchable news-and-reviews site are a good way to keep up with the latest releases. Although the news section (updated daily) doesn't have knockout exclusives, it is thorough and topical, and written (like the weekly reviews) with a nice hint of sarcasm. But the site's main attraction is that it offers, under one roof, all the downloadable clips and trailers you could wish for, including the hottest imminent blockbusters: Tomb Raider, Pearl Harbor and Spielberg's AI.

## This week, cinema



**www.filmsite.org** ★★★★

A labour-of-love fan site, created by one Tim Dirks and devoted to classic Hollywood movies. The centrepiece is Dirks's choice of the 100 Greatest Movies, from *The Birth of a Nation* (1915) to *Schindler's List* (1993). Numerous other sections include a gallery of vintage posters, lists of box-office records and a mine of Oscar trivia, such as a sample of classics that didn't receive a single nomination — a sure source of consolation for this year's losers. The layout is basic and densely textual, but this is a valuable resource for enthusiasts.



**www.filmunlimited.co.uk** ★★★★

Many cinema sites employ a magazine format, but this often involves only reviews, interviews and trailers. This well-designed site has all that and much more, from in-depth features (culled from *The Guardian*) to entertaining quizzes, such as *Would You Survive a Teen-Slasher Movie?* There is even a *Mood Matcher* that recommends films to suit your circumstances, whether you are trying to quit smoking or having a bad-hair day. You can even submit your own reviews of current movies — most contributions are enjoyably cynical.



**www.script-o-rama.com** ★★★

The screenplays of successful films are usually published, but if you can't find what you are looking for, or do not want to pay for it, then you might try this junk shop of a site, which stores final drafts and earlier versions of a vast, unpredictable array of movies. Of the final drafts, the ones I read were accurate, but it is hard to be completely sure about such intriguing items as the script for Scorsese's forthcoming *Gangs of New York*, or what purports to be the first draft of the original *Star Wars*.

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