

**African-American Films: A List of 25 films on Positive and Social Issues**

A Raisin in the Sun	Dir. Daniel Petrie	About a Black lower-middle class family during the Civil Rights	1961 DVD
A Soldiers Story	Dir. Norman Jewison	African-american officer investigates a murder in WWII	1984 DVD
Bingo Long & Traveling All-Stars	Dir. John Badham	African-american Baseball Star puts together his own team	1976 DVD
Black Orpheus	Dir. Marcel Camus	Retells the Greek Myth of Orphrus & Eurydice	1959 DVD
Buffalo Soldiers	Dir. Charles Haid	Civil war veterans formed first black regiment in U.S. History	2007 DVD
Claudine	Dir. John Berry	Single mom struggles to support herself and children	1974 DVD
Coming to America	Dir. John Landis	African Prince comes to America to find his bride	1988 DVD
Cry the beloved Country	Dir. Darell Roodt	South-african preacher in search of his wayward son	1995 DVD
Daughters of the Dust	Dir. Julie Dash	Three generations of Gullah women- during turn of the century	1991 DVD
Do the Right Thing	Dir. Spike Lee	Race relations in a multi-culture neighborhood	1989 DVD
El Hajj Malik El Shabazz	Dir. Arnold Perl	Documents the life of Malcolm X	1972 VHS
Green Pastures	Dir. Marc Connelly	A series of biblical stories told from the black perspective	1936 DVD
Imitation of Life	Dirs., J. M. Stahl-D. Sirk	Double feature- two takes on the same story 1934 & 1959	1934 DVD
Feast of all Saints	Dir. Peter Medak	19th Century -depicts white privilege & black oppression	2007 DVD
Frederick Douglass	Orlando Bagwell	(PBS Special)-When the Lions Wrote History	1994 VHS
The Negro Soliders	Dir. Stuart Heisler	Documenting the contributions to the American War efforts	1945 DVD
Purlie Victorious -gone are....	Dir. Nicholas Webster	Focus on the Civil Rights Movement	1963 DVD
Within our Gates	Dir. Oscar Micheaux	The Oldest Know Oscar Micheaux Film	1920 DVD
In the Heat of the Night	Dir. Norman Jewison	Racial biogtry is explored between black & white	1967 DVD
Native Son	Dir. Pierre Chenal	A young man is hardened by life in the slums of Chicago	1951 DVD
Sounder	Dir. Martin Ritt	a southern family face hardship after father is wrongful jailed	1972 DVD
Stormy Weather	Dir. Andrew L. Stone	One of the 2nd All-Black cast film made by a major studio	1943 DVD
The Color Purple	Dir. Steven Spielberg	Decades spanning the life of Celie an un-educated women	1985 DVD
The Quiet One	Dir. Sidney Meyers	Rehabilitation of a mentally disturbed African -American child	1948 DVD
When the Levees Broke	Dir. Spike Lee	When the Levees Broke: Requien in 4 Acts	2006 DVD

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