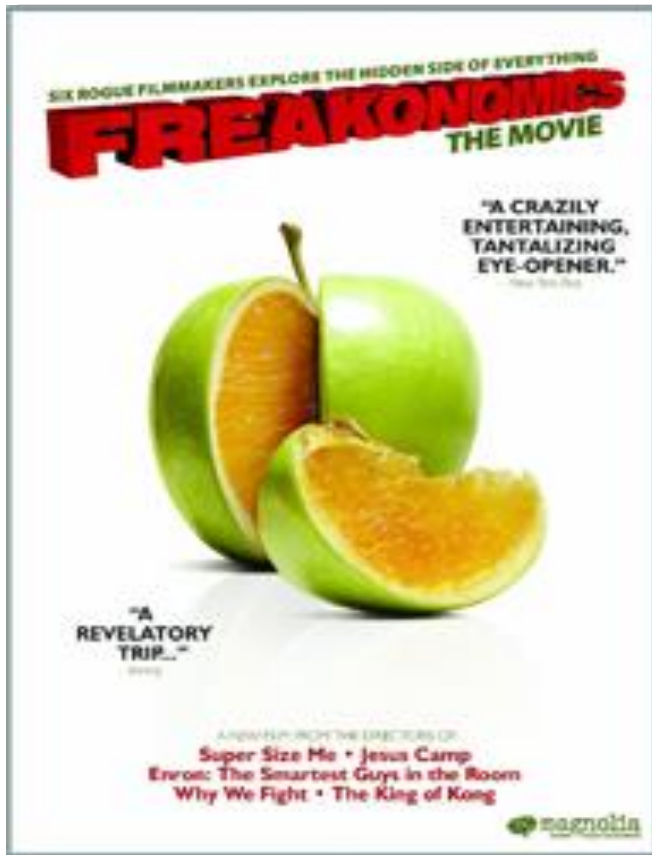# Economics at the Movies

Freakonomics

Starring:

Overview:
Freakonomics is a documentary based on a book by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. It is about if you guess a person's incentives, you can guess on how they are going to behave. The film is divided into different selections done by different filmmakers and directors.

Star Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆

Key words/Themes:

Facts:

Overview:

The Big Short

Starring:
Christian Bale
Brad Bitt
Ryan Gosling

Overview:
An eccentric ex-physician turned one-eyed Scion Capital hedge fund manager, has traded traditional office attire for shorts, bare feet and a Supercuts haircut. He believes that the US housing market is built on a bubble that will burst within the next few years.
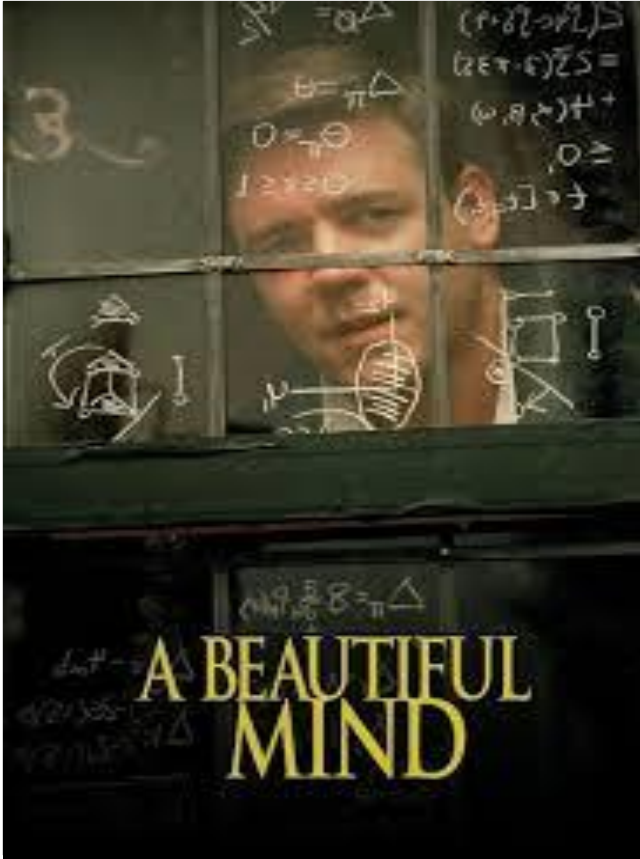
Star Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆

Key words/Themes:

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Overview:

Beautiful Mind

Starring:

Russell Crowe

Overview:

An emotionally charged film detailing the life of a brilliant academic who suffers from schizophrenia. This affliction slowly takes over his mind and we watch as his life crumbles apart around him. He abandons his students, alienates his colleagues and replaces his research with a fruitless and all-consuming obsession.

Star Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆

Key words/Themes:

Facts:

Overview:

Company Men

IN AMERICA, WE GIVE OUR LIVES TO OUR JOBS.
IT'S TIME TO TAKE THEM BACK.

BEN AFFLECK   CHRIS COOPER   KEVIN COSTNER AND TOMMY LEE JONES

THE COMPANY MEN

Starring:
Ben Affleck
Bradley Cooper
Kevin Costner

Overview:
The story centres on a year in the life of three men trying to survive a round of corporate downsizing at a major company - and how that affects them, their families, and their communities.
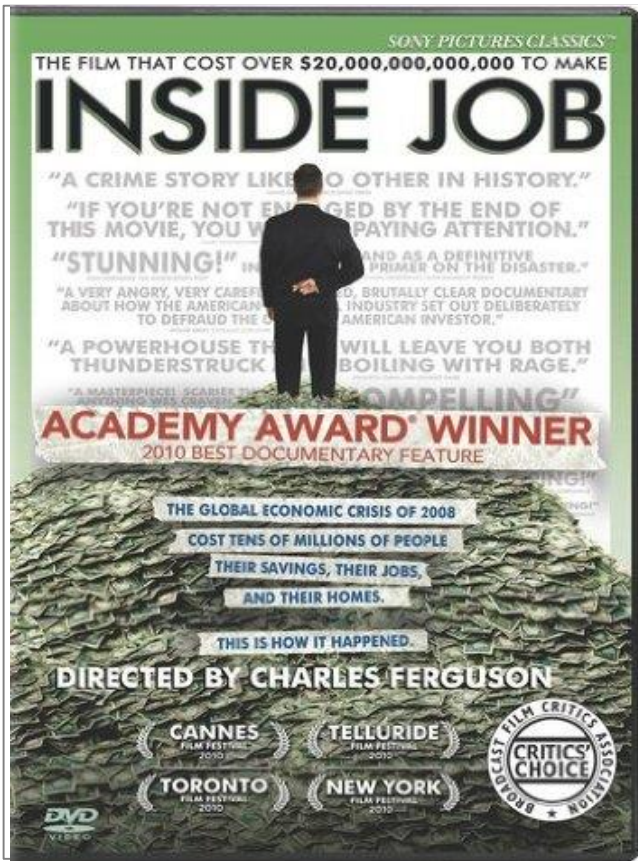
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Overview:

Inside Job

Starring:
Matt Damon

Overview:
Documentary film, directed by **Charles H. Ferguson**, about the late-2000s financial crisis. **T**he film is about the systemic corruption of the United States by the financial services industry and the consequences of that systemic corruption.
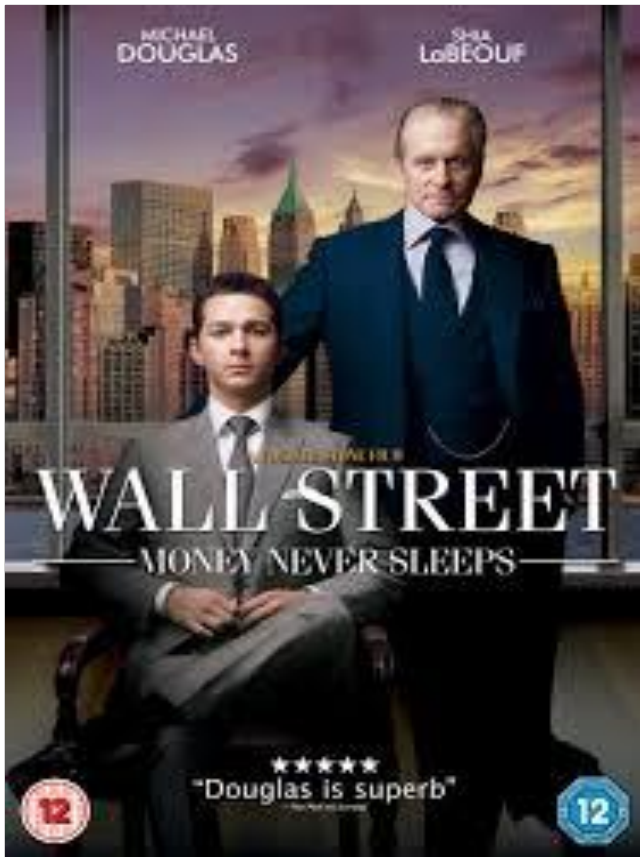
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Key words/Themes:

Facts:

Overview:

Wall Street-Money never sleeps

Starring:

Michael Douglas, Shia LeBoeuf

Overview:

As the global economy teeters on the brink of disaster, a young Wall Street trader partners with disgraced former Wall Street corporate raider Gordon Gekko on a two-tiered mission: To alert the financial community to the coming doom & to find out who was responsible for the death of the young trader's mentor.
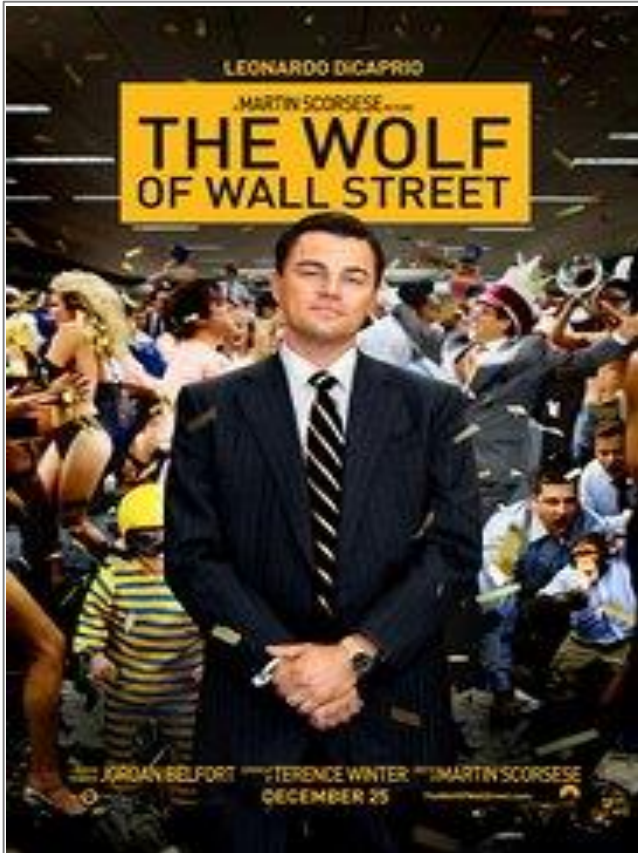
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Key words/Themes:

Facts:

Overview:

Wolf of Wall Street

Starring:
Leonardo Di Caprio
Jonah Hill

Overview:
Jordan Belfort is a Long Island penny stockbroker who served 22 months in prison for defrauding investors in a massive 1990s securities scam that involved widespread corruption on Wall Street and in the corporate banking world, including shoe designer Steve Madden.
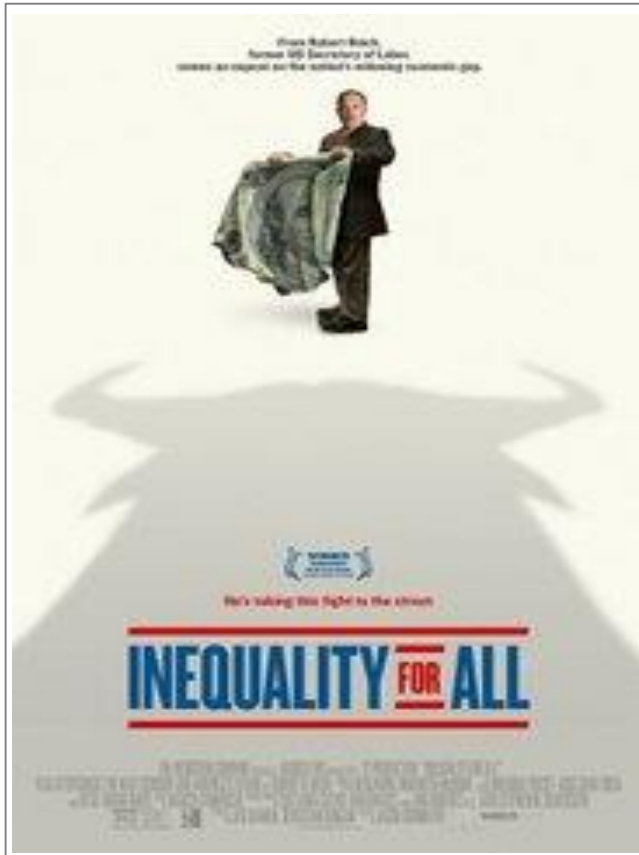
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Overview:

Inequality for all

Starring:

Overview:
Inequality for All is a 2013 documentary film directed by Jacob Kornbluth. The film examines widening income inequality in the United States. The film is presented by American economist, author and professor Robert Reich, and is based on his 2010 book Aftershock: The Next Economy and America's Future.
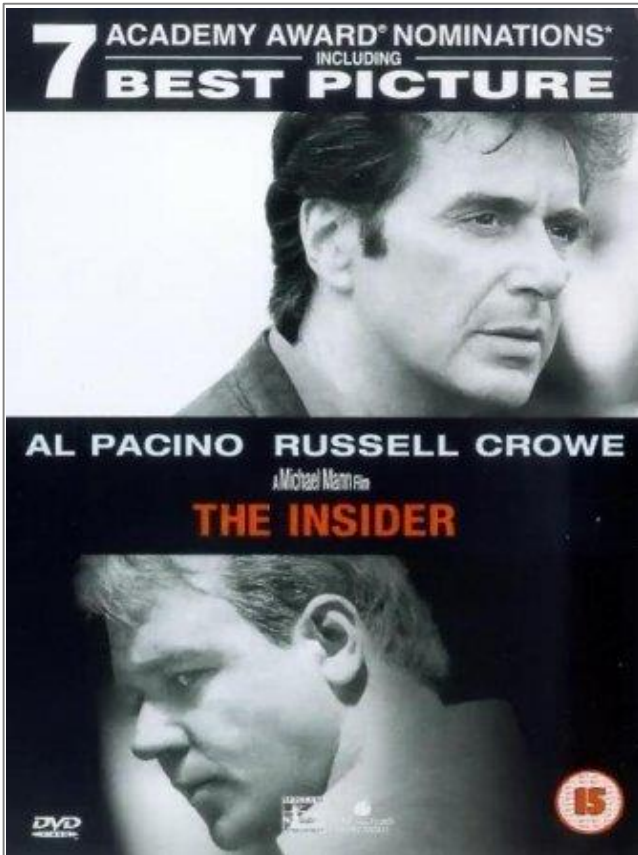
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Key words/Themes:

Facts:

Overview:

The Insider

Starring:
Al Pacino
Russell Crowe

Overview:
Based on a true story about a CBS 60 Minutes-episode in 1994 on malpractices in the tobacco industry, that was not aired because CBS parent company Westinghouse objected. Pacino plays the 60 Minutes Producer.

Star Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆

Key words/Themes:

Facts:

Overview:

Margin Call

Starring:
Kevin Spacey
Paul Bettany
Demi Moore

Overview:
Follows the key people at an investment bank, over a 24-hour period, during the early stages of the 2008 financial crisis.

Star Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆

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