

Centre of Biomedical Ethics and Culture
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Video Library

CBEC has developed a video library consisting of films and teaching videos that highlight ethical issues. We have found them to be an excellent tool in generating an effective discourse on a variety of ethical issues. This list will be of use to bioethics educators who are looking for materials to use as teaching tools. Brief summaries of these films (obtained from quoted internet sites) have also been included in this list. This list will be updated periodically.

1. A Stranger's Heart

Plot Summary

Callie (Samantha Mathis), a workaholic magazine editor who prides herself on having no emotional attachments in her life, changes practically overnight when she undergoes a life-saving heart transplant operation. Not only does Callie find herself strangely drawn to a young girl who happens to be the heart donor's orphaned daughter, but she also finds unlikely romance with another patient who also recently received a new heart. She soon discovers that the man, named Jasper (Peter Dobson), received the heart from her donor's husband.

"A Stranger's Heart." *Wikipedia*. Web. 15 July 2010.
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Stranger's_Heart#Plot_summary>.

2. A Wednesday

Plot Summary

On the verge of retiring as Commissioner of Police, Prakash Rathod, gets a telephone call from a male who informs him that he has placed several bombs all over Mumbai, and unless and until he arranges the release of four terrorists, with Al Qaeda and Lashkar links, namely Ibbrahim Khan, Ikhlauque Khan, Mohammad Zaheer, and Khursheed Lala. This male then warns Prakash that if his demands are not carried out, the bombs will explode, and one of them has been placed right opposite the Commissioner's Colaba office. It will be now up to Prakash and the state's Chief Minister to either adhere to this male's demands or face the death of tens of thousands innocent civilians.

"A Wednesday (2008) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010.
<<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1280558/plotsummary>>.

3. Altered States

Plot Summary

It's the late 1960's. Just for a lark, graduate student Eddie Jessup, known for being unconventional, brilliant and slightly mad, conducts experiments with an isolation chamber, using himself as the subject. His experiences in the chamber cause him to hallucinate, much of the imagery being religious-based despite his not being a religious man. Seven years later, he is a respected full professor in the Harvard Medical School. Believing he has lost his edge and has fallen into an unwanted state of respectability, Eddie decides to resume his work with sensory

deprivation, this time using hallucinogens, specifically untested ones used in mystical Mexican rituals, to enhance the experience of being in the isolation tank. After initial tests, he claims he entered an alternate physical and mental state. Although unbelieving of Eddie's claims, his colleagues Arthur Rosenberg and Mason Parrish, as well as Eddie's wife, Emily, who is in her own right a respected academic, are concerned for Eddie's well being. However, if Eddie's claims are indeed true, he could do irreparable harm to himself and others around him, especially if his altered states are uncontrollable.

"Altered States (1980) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0080360/plotsummary>>.

4. **Amu**

Plot Summary

Amu is the story of Kaju, a twenty-one-year-old Indian American woman who returns to India to visit her family and discover the place where she was born. The film takes a dark turn as Kaju stumbles against secrets and lies from her past. A horrifying genocide that took place twenty years ago turns out to hold the key to her mysterious origins.

"Amu (2005) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0414713/plotsummary>>.

5. **And the Band Played On**

Plot Summary

This is the story of the first years of the AIDS epidemic in the United States and focuses on three key elements. Dr. Don Francis, an immunologist with experience in eradicating smallpox and containing the Ebola virus, joins the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to try and understand just what this disease is. They also have deal with bureaucracy and a government that doesn't seem to care. The gay community in San Francisco is divided on the nature of the disease but also what should be done about it. Finally, the film deals with the rivalry between Dr. Robert Gallo, the American virologist who previously discovered the first retrovirus and his French counterpart at the Pasteur Institute, Dr. Luc Montagnier, that led to disputed claims about who was first to identify the AIDS virus.

"And the Band Played On (1993) (TV) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0106273/plotsummary>>.

6. Article 99

Plot Summary

A group of doctors in a veteran's hospital must contend with their hopeless situation: too many patients and not enough beds. The main cause of their problems is bureaucratic belt-tightening by the hospital administrators. The doctors are determined to give the best service they can, even if that means defying the orders of management and performing unauthorized operations.

"Article 99 (1992) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0101371/plotsummary>>.

7. Artificial Intelligence: AI

Plot Summary

In the not-so-far future the polar ice caps have melted and the resulting raise of the ocean waters has drowned all the coastal cities of the world. Withdrawn to the interior of the continents, the human race keeps advancing, reaching to the point of creating realistic robots (called mechas) to serve them. One of the mecha-producing companies builds David, an artificial kid which is the first to have real feelings, especially a never-ending love for his "mother", Monica. Monica is the woman who adopted him as a substitute for her real son, who remains in cryo-stasis, stricken by an incurable disease. David is living happily with Monica and her husband, but when their real son returns home after a cure is discovered, his life changes dramatically.

"SimplyScripts - Downloadable Movie Transcripts." *SimplyScripts - Movie Scripts and Screenplays*. Web. 15 July 2010. <http://www.simplyscripts.com/movie_transcripts.html>.

8. Aurora Borealis

Plot Summary

Duncan is a depressed 20-something who has just lost another job. He makes extra money by letting out his flat for his brother's romantic trysts, but when a job comes up as a caretaker in his grandparent's building he takes it. His grandfather has Parkinson's Disease and he and his wife have a caregiver whom Duncan finds compellingly upbeat. As they begin a tentative romance, and Duncan spends more time with his grandparents, he begins to face his feelings about the early loss of his father. A moving drama, set in a frigid Minnesota landscape.

"Aurora Borealis (2005) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0387037/plotsummary>>.

9. **Autism: The Musical**

Plot Summary

Henry, the son of Stephen Stills (of Crosby, Stills and Nash), relates to the world through a near encyclopedic knowledge of dinosaurs. Fourteen-year-old Lexy, on the cusp of adolescence, has a new interest in boys. Wyatt, precociously verbal and terrorized by bullies, has a passion for orchids. Adam taught himself to play blues harmonica before he was two, and has currently taken up the cello. In addition to their interests and activities, all of these kids also have some form of autism. Director Tricia's Regan's riveting documentary follows five different families, participating in The Miracle Project (a theatre program created specifically for children with special needs) as their kids write and perform their own musical production. The film is as much about the parents of autistic kids as it is about the kids themselves. How does one communicate with a child who won't speak? What do you do when your kid only sleeps two hours per night? How do you cope with a world that has little use or compassion for kids that are so different? These are only a few of the questions that the parents must deal with, questions illustrated by a series of almost painfully honest and blunt encounters. Perhaps the most surprising of the kids profiled is Neal, the son of Elaine Hall, who founded the Miracle Project. Profoundly autistic, he hardly speaks, and is prone to violent tantrums, but when he is finally fitted with a keyboard voicebox, a sweet, intelligent personality is revealed. A complete triumph!

"AUTISM THE MUSICAL on HBO [Archive] - BrainTalk Communities." 18 Mar. 2008. Web. 15 July 2010.
<<http://braintalkcommunities.org/forums/archive/index.php/t-29658.html>>.

10. **The Color of Paradise**

Plot Summary

Blind adolescent Mohammad Ramezani attends a boarding school for the blind in Tehran. He is a bright boy with a zest for life. With the school closing down for the summer break, Mohammad returns to his small village where his widowed father, Hashem, his two sisters, Bahareh and Hanieh, and his paternal grandmother live. Mohammad is overjoyed to be at home with his family and its female members who are equally happy to have Mohammad back for the three month school break. Hashem, on the other hand, feels ill-equipped to deal with Mohammad. Behind Mohammad's back, Hashem treats Mohammad as an embarrassment to the family and if he is a burden. He has not even told his fiancée about Mohammad's existence. He does whatever he can to pass on the responsibility of Mohammad to others, such as the blind carpenter in the neighboring town with whom he would like Mohammad to apprentice. This action is much to the chagrin of Mohammad's grandmother, who is not as worried for Mohammad as she is for her

own son. She is concerned about the unconditional love which seems to be missing from his heart - love that Mohammad so craves and deserves.

"The Color of Paradise (1999) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0191043/plotsummary>>.

11. **The Constant Gardener**

Plot Summary

Justin Quayle is an English gentle diplomat who is sent to the Kenyan Embassy to work. He takes his wife Tessa, who is an impulsive woman that he met in a conference. Tessa is a tenacious activist who fights for the rights of the poor people and she helps Doctor Arnold Bluhm. Tessa finds out accidentally that a powerful pharmacist firm (3 Bees) is trialling a new drug amongst the Africans. Tessa is more involved in the matter and she decides to ask Sandy, Justin's friend, for help because she doesn't want to involve to her husband. Tessa is murdered in a trip to the north of Kenya and the authority try to accuse Arnold of the crime. Justin, with a passion for gardening, decides to uncover the truth behind the death of his wife - with no regards for the consequences.

"The Constant Gardener (2005) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 16 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0387131/plotsummary>>.

12. **The Conversation**

Plot Summary

Harry Caul, a surveillance man, is hired by the manager of a large company to record a conversation between a man and a woman walking in the park. But as Harry Caul listens to the conversation from its beginning to the end, he becomes convinced that the young couple whom he was recording is about to be murdered. The same event occurred before, as 3 people whom Harry recorded were brutally murdered. With only a few remarks about the location of the murder - Jack Tarr Hotel, Room 773 - Harry sets off in order to save the young lives of the couple.

"The Conversation Plot Summary." *Ruined Endings - Plot Summaries and Movie Spoilers*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.ruinedendings.com/film3457plot>>.

13. **Damaged Care**

Plot Summary

Damaged Care is fact-based drama about the managed care industry. It originally aired on Showtime. Laura Dern co-produced and stars in the film as Dr. Linda Peeno, who gives up her career after earning a medical degree, so that she can take care of her family. Her husband, Doug (James LeGros), is a successful OB/GYN. In 1987, when their children (from previous marriages) have gotten a little older, Linda decides to return to work, and gets a job as a medical reviewer at Humana Health Care. Patient claims that aren't approved by the UR (utilization review) nurses are forwarded to the doctors on the medical review team, who, Linda learns, are expected to rubber-stamp the UR nurses' decisions. Every decision Linda makes to cover a patient's care is questioned, sometimes angrily. The head of the UR department, Cheryl Griffith (Regina King) befriends Linda, and shares her unhappiness with the system. Linda has a crisis of conscience when she gets a call about an emergency heart transplant that needs immediate approval. Pressured by the company, she finds an out in the employer's healthcare booklet, and denies the claim. The patient dies. Eventually, Linda quits Humana (angering Doug), and Cheryl gets her a job at a smaller, non-profit company, Brothers Managed Care. The system is pretty much the same, though, and Linda comes into conflict with the cost-conscious head of the UR nurses, Gemma Coombs (Michelle Clunie). When a nurse (Suki Kaiser) is stricken with a series of crippling strokes, Linda takes a stand against the company to get her the treatment she needs. Eventually, Dr. Linda Peeno gets out of the system, and becomes an outspoken critic of the abuses of the health care industry. Dern's mother, Diane Ladd, and Adam Arkin also appear in the film.

"Damaged Care 2002." *OV Guide*. Web. 15 July 2010. <http://www.ovguide.com/movies_tv/damaged_care.htm>.

14. **Dax's story: a severely burned man's thirty-year odyssey**

Plot Summary

Dax Cowart, J.D. (Lawyer, Corpus Christi, Texas) spoke on his experience of having been severely burned at the age of 26 and not being allowed to die. Cowart described his experiences of intense pain from his injuries and various treatment regimens. James F. Childress, Ph.D. (John Allen Hollingsworth Professor of Ethics and Professor of Religious Studies and Medical Education, University of Virginia) commented on the moral/ethical implications of this case and in particular asked Dax questions concerning when Dax felt he knew in his "right" mind that he wanted to die, were any of Dax's earlier choices based on control, and why did he change his

name from Donald to Dax? David B. Drake, M.D. (Associate Professor, Department of Plastic Surgery, and Director, DeCamp Burn and Wound Healing Center, University Hospital, University of Virginia) commented on the difficult position physicians are often placed in when challenged with a patient's request and potential future legal ramifications.

<http://virgobeta.lib.virginia.edu/catalog/u3891544>

15. **The Death of Mr. Lazarescu**

Plot Summary

One evening, Mr. Lazarescu, who lives alone, feels a bit dizzy. He finally ends up being driven away in an ambulance, which is the start of a tragicomic odyssey. Each doctor who examines him arrives at an entirely different diagnosis, and his emergency treatment is incessantly postponed. The physicians are deaf to the entreaties of the patient and his friends, and they are devoid of sympathy for the elderly Mr. Lazarescu as he again plunges into the Bucharest night.

"The Death of Mr. Lazarescu (Moartea Domnului Lazarescu) Movie Reviews, Pictures - Rotten Tomatoes." *ROTTEN TOMATOES: Movies - New Movie Reviews and Previews!* Web. 15 July 2010. <http://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/1158218-death_of_mr_lazarescu/>.

16. **Dirty Pretty Things**

Plot Summary

Okwe, a kind-hearted Nigerian doctor, and Senay, a Turkish chambermaid, work at the same West London hotel. The hotel is run by Senor Sneaky and is the sort of place where dirty business like drug dealing and prostitution takes place. However, when Okwe finds a human heart in one of the toilets, he uncovers something far more sinister than just a common crime.

"Dirty Pretty Things (2002) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0301199/plotsummary>>.

17. **The Doctor**

Plot Summary

Jack McKee is a doctor with it all: he's successful, he's rich, and he has no problems.... until he is diagnosed with throat cancer. Now that he has seen medicine, hospitals, and doctors from a patient's perspective, he realises that there is more to being a doctor than surgery and prescriptions.

"The Doctor (1991) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0101746/plotsummary>>.

18. **Dus Kahaniyaan**

Plot Summary

After five years of being married to wealthy executive Rahul Sarin, Pooja has a secret and intimate affair with Lt. Col. Aditya Singh every Thursday, on the pretext of visiting an ailing aunt, not realizing that Rahul is aware of this; Kabir and Kaamna get high on the highway - and encounter thugs; Mini is accused of being intimate with a male just before her marriage; A husband questions his wife for trying to seduce a terrorist; After re-locating to a flat in Versova, struggling writer, Sahil, falls in love with his Missouri-born attractive neighbor, Sia; After a chance encounter with Aman, Anya has second thoughts of getting married to her fiancé, amidst a confession from her dad that he loved another woman; Dino is lured by a beach nymphet with a dark secret; A Hindu Tamil-speaking Mumbai-based maternal grandma, on her way to Pune by train, has encounters with people from different religious faiths; While traveling by bus with her husband, Simran meets a male taking eleven balloons to placate his angry wife; and two Mumbai-based hit men-turned-gangsters, Baba Hyderabad and Nawab Affi, prepare to confront each other in a power struggle.

"Dus Kahaniyaan (2007) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0823451/plotssummary>>.

19. **Ethics in Health Care Research**

Plot Summary

A Set of Five Video Scenarios

The videos portray realistic situations which raise ethical issues about the treatment of human subjects in health care research. The researchers' dilemmas are left unresolved so that viewers can suggest possibly appropriate actions.

Video 1 Turning a Blind Eye (10 minutes)

- touches on reporting medical errors observed in the course of a research project, the limits of research subjects' right to confidentiality, and the risks involved in reporting.

Video 2 Michael's Journey (12 minutes)

- highlights subjects' rights to change or withdraw data they have provided, concerns over subject anonymity, and whether persons about whom subjects have provided data have any rights to that information.

Video 3 The Almighty Dollar (9 minutes)

- focuses on difficulties researchers face in acquiring subjects, such as accessing other clinicians' clients, how closely to follow inclusion criteria, and concern over subjects who are not able to give informed consent.

Video 4 A Line in the Sand (11 minutes)

- explores the rights of funders to influence the course of research and presentation of findings, including feedback to subjects on adverse events which occur during the course of a study.

Video 5 The Ties that Unbind (10 minutes)

- raises issues about the use of electronic data files for secondary analysis, including protection of subject privacy when names are attached, whether consent should be obtained, and special circumstances when potentially vulnerable.

Provided to CBEC for teaching purposes courtesy of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta, Canada.

<http://www.ualberta.ca/BIOETHICS/ResearchEthicsVideos.pdf>

20. **The English Patient**

Plot Summary

A burn victim, a nurse, a thief, and a sapper find themselves in each others company in an old Italian villa close to the end of World War II. Through flashbacks, we see the life of the burn victim, whose passionate love of a woman and choices he made for her ultimately change the lives of one other person in the villa. Not only is this film a search for the identity of the English patient, but a search for the identities of all the people in the quiet old villa.

"The English Patient (1996) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0116209/plotsummary>>.

21. **Extraordinary Measures**

Plot Summary

A Portland couple have two children with Pompe disease, a genetic anomaly that kills before a child's tenth birthday. The husband, John, who's in advertising, contacts Robert Stonehill, a researcher who has a theory on an enzyme treatment. He has little money to pursue his research, and a thorny personality that drives away colleagues and funders. John and his wife Aileen raise money to get Stonehill going, then John takes on the task full time, working with venture capitalists and then a rival team of researchers. Time is passing, Stonehill's antics get in the way, and the profit motive may upend John's hopes. Can the researchers succeed in time for the Crowleys?

"Extraordinary Measures (2010) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1244659/plotsummary>>.

22. **Extreme Measures**

Plot Summary

Thriller about Guy Luthan (Hugh Grant), a British doctor working at a hospital in New York who starts making unwanted enquiries when the body of a man who died in his emergency room disappears. The trail leads Luthan to the door of the eminent surgeon Dr. Lawrence Myrick (Gene Hackman), but Luthan soon finds himself in danger from people who want the hospital's secret to remain undiscovered.

"Extreme Measures (1996)." *FullMovieReview*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://extreme-measures-1996.fullmoviereview.com/>>.

23. **First Do No Harm**

Plot Summary

When Lori Reimuller learns that her young son Robbie has epilepsy, she first trusts the judgment of the hospital staff about how best to bring it under control. As Robbie's health slides radically downhill, however, she becomes frustrated and desperate, and so does her own research into the existing literature on treatments. When she decides to try an alternative treatment called the Ketogenic Diet, devised long ago by a doctor from Johns Hopkins, she is met with narrow-minded resistance from Robbie's doctor, who is prepared to take legal action to prevent Lori from removing him from the hospital. This movie is an indictment of those in the medical profession who discuss only the treatment options they favor. Several of the minor characters are portrayed by people who have been not just helped, but cured by the Ketogenic diet.

"...First Do No Harm (1997) (TV) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0118526/plotsummary>>.

24. **Gattaca**

Plot Summary

Vincent is one of the last "natural" babies born into a sterile, genetically-enhanced world, where life expectancy and disease likelihood are ascertained at birth. Myopic and due to die at 30, he has no chance of a career in a society that now discriminates against your genes, instead of your gender, race or religion. Going underground, he assumes the identity of Jerome, crippled in an accident, and achieves prominence in the Gattaca Corporation, where he is selected for his lifelong desire: a manned mission to Saturn's 14th moon (Titan). Constantly passing gene tests by

diligently using samples of Jerome's hair, skin, blood and urine, his now-perfect world is thrown into increasing desperation, his dream within reach, when the mission director is killed - and he carelessly loses an eyelash at the scene! Certain that they know the murderer's ID, but unable to track down the former Vincent, the police start to close in, with extra searches, and new gene tests. With the once-in-a-lifetime launch only days away, Vincent must avoid arousing suspicion, while passing the tests, evading the police, and not knowing whom he can trust.

"Gattaca (1997) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0119177/plotsummary>>.

25. **Good Neighbors? The Africa Centre and the Local Community**

Plot Summary

Educational video produced by The Case Program of the J F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. This video highlights several aspects of ethical issues in community based research in developing countries.

The movie has been made available to CBEC by Dr Richard Cash.

26. **The Hours**

Plot Summary

The film concerns three women each suffering from depression. Virginia Woolf is starting to write her book 'Mrs. Dalloway' in 1923 England. She is coming to the realization of her lesbianism and fighting her pure despair of life and headaches. Virginia receives a visit from her sister Vanessa and Vanessa's two sons and daughter. The daughter strongly influences Virginia's emotions through the death of a bird. Eventually, Virginia must face the decision to run away to London, stay with her beloved husband, or move to London where the doctors forbid her to go. Laura Brown, is a mother fearing her ability to be a mother again. She is reading 'Mrs. Dalloway' in 1951, Los Angeles. Laura is trying to throw a wonderful birthday party for her husband. The very pregnant Laura thinks she won't be an adequate mother to her son and current baby on the way in a few months. Laura must make the decision to run away from it all or live miserably with her happy husband. Clarissa Vaughan is a career publisher living in present 2001 New York. Her nickname, given by her poet-friend, Richard, who is dying of AIDS, is Mrs. Dalloway. Clarissa is also throwing a party but for Richard who is receiving an award for his poetry. Like Virginia Woolf, Clarissa is also a lesbian but also wonders if she is in love with

Richard with whom she once dated. At the end, the whole plot twists and comes together. The basic theme of the film is wondering if it is better to live your life for your own happiness or others.

"The Hours (2002) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 16 July 2010.
<<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0274558/plotssummary>>.

27. Informed Consent in Developing Countries

Plot Summary

This video was developed by Dr Asad Jamil Raja as a teaching aid for research ethics. It was shot on a rural research site in the outskirts of Karachi, Pakistan and consists of a series of interviews with community members and their leaders, research participants and the various levels of researchers from field workers to the principle investigator. It highlights the various ethical issues encountered in informed consent in rural settings in a developing country.

The movie has been made available to CBEC by Dr Asad J Raja.

28. In the Name of God

Khuda Kay Liye (original title)

Plot Summary

The film is about the difficult situation in which the Pakistanis in particular and the Muslims in general are caught up since 9/11. There is a war going on between the Fundamentalists and the Liberal Muslims. This situation is creating a drift not only between the Western world and the Muslims, but also within the Muslims. The educated and modern Muslims are in a difficult situation because of their approach towards life and their western attire. They are criticized and harassed by the fundamentalists and on the other hand the Western world sees them as potential suspects of terrorism just because of their Muslim names. This paradox is resulting in great suffering for a forward looking Muslim. Above mentioned is the theme of the film "KHUDA KE LIYE" which in English means "IN THE NAME OF GOD". The interesting thing about the film is how it connects the happenings in the three continents. Unlike the usual Indian and Pakistani films based on romantic saga, dances and songs, this film is based on some very serious issues, raising a lot of controversial questions boggling the Muslim minds these days.

"Khuda Ke Liye (In the Name of God) (2007) - Shoaib Mansoor." *Direct Links to Download Foreign Movies, Flim Festival, Awarded, Oscar, Arthouse, Independent, Cult*. Web. 15 July 2010.
<<http://www.foriegnmoviesddl.com/2007/12/khuda-ke-liye-in-name-of-god-2007.html>>.

29. **The Island**

Plot Summary

Lincoln Six-Echo is a resident of a seemingly Utopian but contained facility in the year 2019. Like all of the inhabitants of this carefully controlled environment, Lincoln hopes to be chosen to go to the "The Island" - reportedly the last uncontaminated spot on the planet. But Lincoln soon discovers that everything about his existence is a lie. He and all of the other inhabitants of the facility are actually human clones. Lincoln makes a daring escape with a beautiful fellow resident named Jordan Two-Delta. Relentlessly pursued by the forces of the sinister institute that once housed them, Lincoln and Jordan engage in a race for their lives to literally meet their makers.

The Island (2005) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 20 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0399201/plotssummary>>.

30. **John Q**

Plot Summary

John Quincy Archibald's son Michael collapses while playing baseball as a result of heart failure. John rushes Michael to a hospital emergency room where he is informed that Michael's only hope is a transplant. Unfortunately, John's insurance won't cover his son's transplant. Out of options, John Q. takes the emergency room staff and patients hostage until hospital doctors agree to do the transplant.

"John Q (2002) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0251160/plotssummary>>.

31. **Judgment at Nuremberg**

Plot Summary

After the end of World War II, the world gradually became aware of the full extent of the war crimes perpetrated by the Third Reich. In 1948, a series of trials were held in Nuremberg, Germany, by an international tribunal, headed by American legal and military officials, with the intent of bringing to justice those guilty of crimes against humanity. However, by that time most of the major figures of the Nazi regime were either dead or long missing, and in the resulting legal proceedings American judges often found themselves confronting the question of how much responsibility someone held who had "just followed orders." Judgment at Nuremberg is a

dramatized version of the proceedings at one of these trials, in which Judge Dan Haywood (Spencer_Tracy) is overseeing the trials of four German judges -- most notably Dr. Ernst Janning (Burt_Lancaster) and Emil Hahn (Werner_Klemperer) -- accused of knowingly sentencing innocent men to death in collusion with the Nazis. Representing the defense is attorney Hans Rolfe (Maximilian_Schell), while prosecuting the accused is U.S. Col. Tad Lawson (Richard_Widmark). As the trial goes on, both the visiting Americans and their reluctant German hosts often find themselves facing the legacy of the war, and how both of their nations have been irrevocably changed by it.

"Judgment at Nuremberg Summary." *Starpulse.com*. Web. 15 July 2010. <http://www.starpulse.com/Movies/Judgment_at_Nuremberg-V63796/Summary/>.

32. **Life as a House**

Plot Summary

Kevin Kline stars as George, a down-on-his-luck architect in this tearjerker from Irwin Winkler (*At First Sight, Guilty By Suspicion*). A disdainful local character who draws disapproval from the community, particularly his neighbor played by Mary Steenburgen, George sets out to change his life after suddenly losing his longtime job and discovering he's terminally ill (he has cancer). Attempting to reconnect with his estranged and troubled son, Sam (Hayden Christiansen), George endeavors to spend the summer they have together building his dream home by the sea. The laborious process leads to the rebuilding of dissipated relationships, the birth of new ones, and all-around healing.

"Life as a House 2001: Movie and Film Review from Answers.com." *Answers.com: Wiki Q&A Combined with Free Online Dictionary, Thesaurus, and Encyclopedias*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.answers.com/topic/life-as-a-house>>.

33. **The Life of David Gale**

Plot Summary

David Gale is a man who has tried to live by his principles, but in a bizarre twist of fate this devoted father, popular professor and respected death penalty opponent finds himself on Death Row for the rape and murder of fellow-activist Constance Hallaway. With only three days before his scheduled execution, Gale agrees to give Pulitzer-hungry reporter Elizabeth "Bitsey" Bloom the exclusive interview she has been chasing. But Bitsey soon realizes that this assignment is more than she bargained for, and that a man's life is in her hands. Putting her own safety in

jeopardy, she frantically races to piece together the shocking events surrounding Constance's death, before it's too late.

"Movie Review for Life of David Gale, The." *Flicks Movie Reviews*. Web. 15 July 2010.
<[http://www.flicks.com/movie/review/L/Life_of_David_Gale_The_\(2003\).asp](http://www.flicks.com/movie/review/L/Life_of_David_Gale_The_(2003).asp)>.

34. **Lorenzo's Oil**

Plot Summary

Until about the age of 7, Lorenzo Odone was a normal child. After then, strange things began to happen to him: he would have blackouts, memory lapses, and other strange mental phenomena. He is eventually diagnosed as suffering from ALD: an extremely rare incurable degenerative brain disorder. Frustrated at the failings of doctors and medicine in this area, the Odones begin to educate themselves in the hope of discovering something which can halt the progress of the disease.

"Lorenzo's Oil (1992) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010.
<<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0104756/plotsummary>>.

35. **The Lynchburg Story**

Plot Summary

A shocking revelation that eugenics was actually practiced in the United States in the 1930s and 40s. Leading medical practitioners, backed by the rich and legal luminaries (including the revered Chief Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes), practiced forced sterilizations on "feeble-minded persons." Their objective was to "purify the white race." And who were the feeble-minded? In their practice if not in their definition they were the "poor white trash." Women who had children out of wedlock were adjudged as "moral imbeciles" and locked up in institutions where they were sterilized. Hitler was inspired by the efforts of the American eugenicists and used their questionable hypotheses to purify the putative Aryan race first through sterilization but later with mass slaughter of those whose lives were deemed "unworthy of living." The American eugenicists in turn presented Hitler with a letter of commendation for his efforts in promoting the practice of "social hygiene." Clips of B&W movies critical of the practice were used in the movie.

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0107466/>

36. **March of the Penguins**

Plot Summary

Each winter, alone in the pitiless ice deserts of Antarctica, deep in the most inhospitable terrain on Earth, a truly remarkable journey takes place as it has done for millennia. Emperor penguins in their thousands abandon the deep blue security of their ocean home and clamber onto the frozen ice to begin their long journey into a region so bleak, so extreme, it supports no other wildlife at this time of year. In single file, the penguins march blinded by blizzards, buffeted by gale force winds. Guided by instinct, by the otherworldly radiance of the Southern Cross, they head unerringly for their traditional breeding ground where--after a ritual courtship of intricate dances and delicate maneuvering, accompanied by a cacophony of ecstatic song--they will pair off into monogamous couples and mate. The females remain long enough only to lay a single egg. Once this is accomplished, exhausted by weeks without nourishment, they begin their return journey across the ice-field to the fish-filled seas. The male emperors are left behind to guard and hatch the precious eggs, which they cradle at all times on top of their feet. After two long months during which the males eat nothing, the eggs begin to hatch. Once they have emerged into their ghostly white new world, the chicks can not survive for long on their fathers' limited food reserves. If their mothers are late returning from the ocean with food, the newly-hatched young will die. Once the families are reunited, the roles reverse, the mothers remaining with their new young while their mates head, exhausted and starved, for the sea, and food. While the adults fish, the chicks face the ever-present threat of attack by prowling giant petrels. As the weather grows warmer and the ice floes finally begin to crack and melt, the adults will repeat their arduous journey countless times, marching many hundreds of miles over some of the most treacherous territory on Earth, until the chicks are ready to take their first faltering dive into the deep blue waters of the Antarctic.

"March of the Penguins (2005) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0428803/plotsummary>>.

37. **Medicine Man**

Plot Summary

The Amazon rain forest is a living laboratory for Dr. Robert Campbell (Sean Connery), a reclusive research scientist living with a Brazilian native tribe. Campbell has accidentally discovered a flower extract that cures cancer, but has been unable to duplicate the formula. With the assistance of Dr. Crane (Lorraine Bracco), he explores every possible chemical derivative, but continues to fail. When a child in the village is near death from a tumor pressing against his trachea, Campbell and Crane stand against each other on the moral issue to use the last of the

successful serum to save him or to keep it for further analysis. At the last moment, Crane reconsiders, and agrees to save the child. At the same time, commercial loggers begin to creep ever closer to the village, and government officials demand the tribe's relocation. With only yards remaining between the bulldozers and the tribe, Campbell discovers a vital clue to the elusive elixir he seeks. His attempt to stop the workmen results in violence and a raging forest fire which destroys his lab equipment and the natives' village. The story ends with Campbell, Crane, and the tribe pushing deeper into the jungle in search of new answers.

Hughes, Jennifer V. "Medicine Man - Trailer - Cast - Showtimes - NYTimes.com." *Movie Reviews, Showtimes and Trailers - Movies - New York Times - The New York Times*. 15 July 2010.

<<http://movies.nytimes.com/movie/32043/Medicine-Man/overview>>.

38. **Million Dollar Baby**

Plot Summary

Frankie Dunn (Clint_Eastwood) is a veteran boxing trainer who has devoted his life to the ring and has precious little to show for it; his daughter never answers his letters, and a fighter he's groomed into contender status has paid him back by signing with another manager, leaving Frankie high and dry. His best friend and faithful employee Eddie Dupris is a former fighter who Frankie trained. In his last fight, Eddie suffered a severe injury, a fact that brings Frankie great guilt. One day, Maggie Fitzgerald (Hilary_Swank) enters Frankie's life, as well as his gym, and announces she needs a trainer. Frankie regards her as a dubious prospect, and isn't afraid to tell her why: he doesn't think much of women boxing, she's too old at 31, she lacks experience, and has no technique. However, Maggie sees boxing as the one part of her life that gives her meaning and won't give up easily. Finally won over by her determination, Frankie takes on Maggie, and as she slowly grows into a viable fighter, an emotional bond develops between them. When a tragedy befalls one of the three characters, each comes to a decision that shows how the relationships in the film have changed them.

"Million Dollar Baby Summary." *Starpulse.com*. Web. 15 July 2010.

<http://www.starpulse.com/Movies/Million_Dollar_Baby/Summary/>.

39. **Miss Evers' Boys**

Plot Summary

In 1932 Macon County, Alabama, the federal government launched into a medical study called The Tuskegee Study of Untreated Blacks With Syphilis. The study selected 412 men infected with the disease and faked long term treatment, while really only giving them placebos and liniments. The premise of the action was to determine if blacks reacted similarly to whites to the

overall effects of the disease. The experiment was only discontinued 40 years later when a Senate investigation was initiated. At that time, only 127 of the original study group were left alive. The story is told from the point of view of Nurse Eunice Evers, who was well aware of the lack of treatment being offered, but felt her role was to console the involved men, many of whom were her direct friends. In fact the movie's name comes from the fact that a performing dancer and three musicians named their act for her - "Miss Evers' Boys". All had the disease. A romance with one goes unrequited even after he joins the army during World War II and is treated and cured by penicillin. As the result of the Senate investigation, the medical experimentation on humans has been curbed. The survivors of the study did receive treatment and financial compensation after the Senate Investigation.

"Miss Evers' Boys (1997) (TV) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0119679/plotsummary>>.

40. **The Mist**

Plot Summary

After a strong storm in the Maine area, the local artist Dave Drayton drives from his house nearby the lake to the supermarket with his son Billy and his arrogant neighbor, the lawyer Brent Norton, to get supplies. Along their way, they see a heavy mist and later, military convoys, police and firefighter trucks, ambulances heading toward it. While in the supermarket, a frantic bleeding local arrives crying that there is something alive in the mist and the manager closes the entrance door while the place is encased by the mist. When David, another client and two employees go to the back of the store to start the generator, they open the back-door and the cashier Norm (Chris Owen) is held and dragged by fierce tentacles. David and the two survivors succeed in closing the loading door, and when they tell the people what happened, Brent does not trust on his words and believes it is a prank and the God-fearing woman Mrs. Carmody preaches the Apocalypse and that she is the vessel of Lord on Earth. Soon the group discovers that they are under siege of blood thirsty creatures from another dimension that have reached our planet through a window opened by a failed military research. Further, the crazy Mrs. Carmody has many followers and is becoming dangerous in her speeches. Without alternative, a small group lead by David decides to take the chance to escape from the supermarket and reach his car, hoping to get out of the mist.

"The Mist (2007) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0884328/plotsummary>>.

41. **Mr and Mrs Iyer**

Plot Summary

Meenakshi Iyer comes from a devout Hindu Brahmin family, purely vegetarian, who not only abstain from meat, but also food from restaurants, is the only child, married to Subramaniam Iyer from Tamil Nadu, has just given birth to a young son, Santhanam, and is visiting her mom. It is then they receive news that her mother-in-law is ill and wants Meenakshi back home in Calcutta. The parents arrange to drop her and her son off at the bus-stand, where they are introduced to a young photographer named Raja Chowdhury. Meenakshi's parents ask Raja to look after her, to which he agrees. The bus starts off, taking its passengers through scenic hillside. The bus driver comes across a sign that the regular road is closed and he decides to take another route. After a few hours the bus comes to a stop as there is a line-up of vehicles ahead. The passengers are told that there has been a terrorist attack on a train resulting in the death of about 200 people. The region, predominately Hindu, believe that the attack was carried out by Muslims and there is retaliation by Hindu extremists. Curfew has to be imposed by the police to prevent further riots and casualties. It is then that a Police Jeep containing Police Officer Raj Arora drives by, asking all passengers to board their respective vehicles, as the area is under curfew. The passengers comply, shut the door, and wait for the traffic to clear. It is now dark and the silence is broken by men with fire-lit torches asking the driver to open the door of the bus, which he does. A group of extremists ask the passengers to identify themselves, and prove to them that they are Hindus, some have to take their pants off. Meenakshi identifies Raja as her husband, Mani. A Jew loudly claims that there are only two Muslims and points to Iqbal Ahmed Khan and his wife Najma. Iqbal is taken off the bus, a visibly upset Najma follows him, and they are killed. It is then the truth unfolds that Raja is not the young man's name but he is Jehangir - a Muslim. An upset Meenakshi must now come to terms with her Brahmin background, which prevents her from coming into contact, drinking water, sharing food, with even a non-Brahmin, leave alone a Muslim, especially now that she has identified him as her "husband" to protect him from being killed. The question remains will this "marriage" last or will Jehangir be discovered before they reach Calcutta.

"Mr. and Mrs. Iyer (2002) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0329393/plotsummary>>.

42. **Munnabhai M.B.B.S.**

Plot Summary

In India gangsters are called Bhai (brothers). One such Bhai is Munna, who is feared by everyone in Mumbai, a big city in India. He cons his village-based parents into believing that he

is a doctor. He gets a shock when he finds out that they are coming to verify for themselves. So he transforms a rooming shanty house into a makeshift hospital, populated by patients, people he beats up. His parents arrive, are pleased, and happy that their son is well settled. They would like him to get married to a doctor's daughter. The marriage is arranged, but before the engagement, the bride's father finds out the truth about Munna, and cancels the marriage. Munna's humiliated parents see the truth for themselves, and hurt, they return home, leaving Munna with a strong desire to hurt the doctor - and force him to let his daughter get married to him - even if it means getting admitted in the medical college - with forged documents!

"Munnabhai MBBS." *Mobile Movies*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://moviesmobile.net/bollywood-mobile-movies/munna1/>>.

43. **Nineteen Eighty-Four**

Plot Summary

In the year 1984, rocket bombs and rats prey on the inhabitants of the crumbling metropolis of London. Far away on the Malabar Front, a seemingly interminable war rages against Eastasia. The Ministry of Truth broadcasts ceaselessly to the population via its inescapable network of telescreens. These devices, which pervade all aspects of peoples' lives, are also capable of monitoring their every word and action. They form part of an elaborate surveillance system used by the Ministry of Love, and its dreaded agents the Thought Police, to serve their singular goal: the elimination of 'thoughtcrime'. Winston Smith is a Party worker - part of the vast social caste known as the Outer Party, the rank and file of the sprawling apparatus of government. Winston works in the Records Department of the Ministry of Truth - the section charged with modifying historical news archives for consistency. When by chance Winston uncovers incontrovertible proof that the Party is lying, he embarks on a journey of self-questioning. In doing so, he becomes a thought-criminal. Winston begins to notice that a young Party member, Julia, is watching him. She wears the distinctive sash of the ultra-zealous Anti Sex League and Winston fears that she is an informant. However, to his surprise, she reveals herself as a subversive and they embark on an illicit and dangerous relationship. This prompts Winston to explore deeper the blur between propaganda and reality. Ultimately, it leads him to O'Brien - a member of the Inner Party who sets Winston on an irreversible course of discovery.

"Nineteen Eighty-Four (1984) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0087803/plotsummary>>.

44. Normal

Plot Summary

A grieving mother cannot "move on" after her son's death, keeping his room as it was, wanting her younger boy to be like his dead brother. A youth leaves juvenile detention, going home to an angry father and a lonely young step-mother. A college teacher whose brother has autistic behaviors separates from his wife and is attracted to a student. The narrative discloses slowly the mother, youth, and teacher's connections to a car accident. The paroled youth talks to the dead boy's girlfriend and must sort out his relationship with his step-mother; the professor encourages his brother to go on a date. Can the mother see her living son for who he is? In what ways can each be normal?

"Normal (2007) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010.
<<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0905357/plotsummary>>.

45. Offside

Plot Summary

In Iran, women are officially banned from men's sporting events. In June 2005, the Iran's national soccer team has an important game against Bahrain in the Azadi Stadium for the qualification of the World Cup. A group of Iranian girls and lovers of soccer dresses like boys and unsuccessfully attempts to enter the stadium but is arrested.

"Offside (2006/I) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010.
<<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0499537/plotsummary>>.

46. Outbreak

Plot Summary

In July of 1967, In Motaba River Valley, Zaire, a virus with a 100% mortality rate starts infecting people. The virus becomes known as the Motaba virus, and it's so deadly that it causes severe bleeding and liquefies internal organs, killing within 3 days. The virus wipes out Motaba River Valley, and a devastatingly huge fire bomb is dropped onto Motaba River Valley in order to reduce the chances of further infection. The bomb was dropped on the orders of corrupt General Donald McClintock, even though an army surgeon, General Bill Ford, was against the idea. 27 years later, in 1994, there is another outbreak in Motaba River Valley. At the United States Army Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USARIID), located at Fort Detrick in

Maryland, Colonel Sam Daniels is doing research on the Motaba virus, and so is his ex-wife Roberta Keough, who works at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. A monkey carrying the Motaba virus stows away on a ship that is heading for the USA, and after the monkey's arrival, people in Cedar Creek, California start becoming infected by the virus. Sam and Roberta head into Cedar Creek with fellow doctor Casey Schuler, and they start searching for the monkey, thinking that the monkey is the key to finding a cure. Along the way, Sam stumbles onto some information that may be of help -- McClintock has been concealing vital information from the president of the United States. Since 1967, McClintock and Ford have been in possession of E-1101, a serum that was made to cure the virus. McClintock has been trying to stop Ford from coming forward with this information, and so far, McClintock has succeeded. McClintock now wants to drop onto Cedar Creek the kind of firebomb that was dropped on Motaba River Valley 27 years ago. Sam and Roberta figure out that the virus in the Cedar Creek outbreak is a new strain of the Motaba virus -- an airborne strain that is even more contagious than the flu. When a new serum is made to stop the new strain, Sam and Roberta set out to stop McClintock from having the town blown up.

"Outbreak (1995) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0114069/plotsummary>>.

47. **Patch Adams**

Plot Summary

In 1969, Hunter Adams was a troubled man who voluntarily committed himself into a mental institution. Once there, he finds that helping his fellow inmates there gives him a purpose in life. Thus inspired, he leaves the asylum and vows to become a doctor to help people professionally. However, what he finds at medical school is a sickeningly callous philosophy that advocates an arms-length attitude to the patients that does not address their emotional needs or the quality of their lives. "Patch" Adams is determined to find a better way to help them, although the consequences of his defiance of the rules and the authorities are severe.

"Patch Adams (1998) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0129290/plotsummary>>.

48. **Race Against Time**

Plot Summary

In this futuristic blend of sci-fi and action, a Supreme Court ruling has overturned laws against suicide, and a firm called Lifecorps has sprung up to take advantage of a new loophole in the law. Lifecorps will pay healthy people large sums of money for the right to harvest their organs after they die, but on the condition that they choose to die in a timely fashion, generally within a

year. Jim Gabriel (Eric Roberts) is a blue-collar worker whose son is dying, but he can't afford the treatment that could save his life. Desperate, Jim signs a contract with Lifecorps, but his son dies before he can cash the check. With no further need for the money, Jim tries to cancel the contract, but discovers Lifecorps not only isn't interested, but that they want to harvest his organs sooner than originally agreed, forcing Jim to run for his life.

Holden, Stephen. "Race Against Time - Trailer - Cast - Showtimes - NYTimes.com." *Movie Reviews, Showtimes and Trailers - Movies - New York Times - The New York Times*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://movies.nytimes.com/movie/225207/Race-Against-Time/overview>>.

49. **Rain Man**

Plot Summary

Charles Sanford "Charlie" Babbit is a self-centered Los Angeles-based automobile dealer/hustler/bookie who is at war with his own life. Charlie, as a young teenager, used his father's 1948 Buick convertible without permission and as a result, he went to jail for two days because his father reported it stolen. It is then that Charlie learns that his estranged father died and left him from his last will and testament a huge bed of roses and the car while the remainder will of \$3 Million goes into a trust fund to be distributed to someone. Charlie seemed pretty angry by this and decides to look into this matter. It seems as if that "someone" is Raymond, Charlie's unknown brother, an autistic savant who lives in a world of his own, resides at the Walbrook Institute. Charlie then kidnaps Raymond and decides to take him on a trip to the west coast as a threat to get the \$3 Million inheritance. Raymond's acts and nagging, including repeated talks of "Abbott & Costello", "Four minutes till Wagner" and refusal to fly on an airline except Quantas drives Charlie insane... and out of his selfish world into a cross-country trek of pure love and understanding that these two both have.

"Rain Man (1988) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0095953/plotsummary>>.

50. **Ramchand Pakistani**

Plot Summary

Based on actual events, the story is about a Pakistani Hindu boy and his father who accidentally cross the border into India from their village in Pakistan at a time of extreme war like tension between the 2 countries and end up spending 5 years in an Indian prison while the mother left behind wonders what has happened to them.

"Watch Ramchand Pakistani Online." *Watch Movies Online Free - Full Movies - Just Added Movies*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.letmewatchthis.com/watch-21551-Ramchand-Pakistani>>.

51. **Robot Stories**

Plot Summary

Winner of over 23 awards, "Robot Stories" is science fiction from the heart, four stories in which utterly human characters struggle to connect in a world of robot babies and android office workers. The stories include: "My Robot Baby," in which a couple must care for a robot baby before adopting a human child; "The Robot Fixer," in which a mother tries to connect with her dying son by completing his toy robot collection; "Machine Love," in which an office worker android learns that he, too, needs love; and "Clay," in which an old sculptor must choose between natural death and digital immortality.

"Robot Stories (2003) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0301777/plotsummary>>.

52. **Story of the weeping camel**

Plot Summary

A family of nomadic shepherds in the Gobi Desert, South Mongolia, assist in the births of their camel herd. One of the camels has an excruciatingly difficult delivery but, with help from the family, out comes a rare white calf. Despite the efforts of the shepherds, the mother rejects the newborn, coldly refusing it the milk it needs to survive. In accordance with an ancient ritual, a musician is summoned from a distant village--the calf's last hope

http://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/story_of_the_weeping_camel/

53. **The Sea Inside**

Plot Summary

Life story of Spaniard Ramón Sampedro, who fought a 30-year campaign to win the right to end his life with dignity. The film explores Ramón's relationships with two women: Julia, a lawyer who supports his cause, and Rosa, a local woman who wants to convince him that life is worth living. Through the gift of his love, these two women are inspired to accomplish things they never previously thought possible. Despite his wish to die, Ramón taught everyone he encountered the meaning, value and preciousness of life. Though he could not move himself, he had an uncanny ability to move others.

"The Sea Inside (2004/I) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0369702/plotsummary>>.

54. **The Secret Life of Words**

Plot Summary

In Ireland, the introspective deaf worker Hanna is forced to take vacations by her boss after four years service in a factory. She travels, but when she overhears a phone conversation in a restaurant, she offers to nurse a burned worker with fractures and temporarily blind in a decommissioned oil rig. Joseph, seriously wounded after risking his life to rescue a colleague who committed suicide jumping into a fire, needs to stay for a while in the platform to stabilize his health condition. Hanna is a lonely woman, with the paranoid behavior of eating white rice, chicken nuggets and apple everyday and never repeating the soap, and she slowly interacts with the few workers first, opening her heart to Joseph later and disclosing her traumatic experience in her old country.

"The Secret Life of Words (2005) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0430576/plotsummary>>.

55. **Sicko**

Plot Summary

In this documentary, the director/writer Michael Moore exposes the dysfunctional North American health care system, oriented to huge profits and not for their mission of saving lives. Further, he shows the corruption in the political system, with members of government and congress "bought" by the corporations and the situation of the average American citizens, including those that volunteered to work in the rescue mission of September 11th. Then he travels to Canada, Great Britain and France to compare their systems showing their hospital, doctors, staffs and patients. Last but not the least, he shows that the prisoners in Guantanamo have better medical treatment than the common people in USA, and he ends getting free treatment to the Americans that participate along the documentary in Cuba.

"Sicko (2007) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0386032/plotsummary>>.

56. **Side Effects**

Plot Summary

KARLY HERT has spent the last ten years selling drugs...legally, that is. Although conflicted on a daily basis by the values within the pharmaceutical industry, and industry driven by profits at the expense of patients; Karly has been seduced by the golden handcuffs of corporate America. Enter ZACH DANNER, who convinces Karly to be true to her values and walk away from her

lucrative but empty job. As their relationship blossoms, Karly devises a plan to get out. But leaving is never quite as easy as it seems.

"Side Effects." *Film Trailer Database*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.filmtrailerdb.com/Side-Effects/>>.

57. **Silent Water**

Plot Summary

Widowed Ayesha Khan lives a poor lifestyle in Charkhi, Pakistan, along with her teen-aged son, Saleem. Their only income is her late husband, Afsan's pension. She hopes to get Saleem a job near the Gurdwara, and then married to his sweetheart, Zubeida, the daughter of Amin and Shabnam. Then two bearded men, Rashid and Mazhar, arrive from Rawalpindi and attempt to impose Islamic law and awareness in Charkhi. Saleem gets involved, and shortly thereafter Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto is hung by Military General Zia-Ul-Haq. With reports of Russia attempting to attack Afghanistan, there is uncertainty and anger in Pakistan with militants calling for 'Jihad' against India and non-believers. To make matters worse, Sikh pilgrims are permitted to visit the local Gurdwara - including a Sikh stranger who attempts to meet with Ayesha.

"Silent Water (2003) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0357283/plotsummary>>.

58. **My Sister's Keeper**

Plot Summary

In Los Angeles, the eleven year old Anna Fitzgerald seeks the successful lawyer Campbell Alexander trying to hire him to earn medical emancipation from her mother Sara who wants Anna to donate her kidney to her sister. She tells the lawyer the story of her family after the discovery that her older sister Kate has had leukemia; how she was conceived by in vitro fertilization to become a donor; and the medical procedures she has submitted to since she was five years old to donate to her sister. Campbell accepts to work pro bono and the obsessed Sara decides to go to court to force Anna to help her sister.

"My Sister's Keeper (2009) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1078588/plotsummary>>.

59. **The Strangers**

Plot Summary

After returning from a wedding reception, a couple staying in an isolated vacation house receive a knock on the door in the mid-hours of the night. What ensues is a violent invasion by three

strangers, their faces hidden behind masks. The couple find themselves in a violent struggle, in which they go beyond what either of them thought capable in order to survive.

"The Strangers - Blog Toplist." *Blog Directory, Submit Blog Submission - Blog Toplist*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.blogtoplist.com/rss/the-strangers.html>>.

60. **Sophie's Choice**

Plot Summary

The year is 1947. Aspiring southern author Stingo (Peter MacNichol) heads to New York to seek his fortune. Moving into a dingy Brooklyn boarding house, Stingo strikes up a friendship with research chemist Nathan Landau (Kevin Kline) and Nathan's girlfriend, Polish refugee Sophie Zawistowska (Oscar-winner Meryl Streep). There is something unsettling about the relationship; Nathan is subject to violent mood swings, while Sophie seems to be harboring a horrible secret. Stingo soon learns that both Nathan and Sophie are strangers to truth; the audience is likewise led down several garden paths by a series of sepia-toned flashbacks, depicting Sophie's ordeal in a wartime concentration camp.

"Sophie's Choice Overview." *AllMovie*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.allmovie.com/work/sophies-choice-45699>>.

61. **Super Size Me**

Plot Summary

Several legal suits have been brought against MacDonald's Restaurants that they are knowingly selling food that is unhealthy. Some of the court decisions have stated that the plaintiffs would have a claim if they could prove that eating the food every day for every meal is dangerous. As such, documentarian Morgan Spurlock conducts an unscientific experiment using himself as the guinea pig: eat only MacDonald's for thirty days, three meals a day. If he is asked by the clerk if he would like the meal super sized, he has to say yes. And by the end of the thirty days, he will have had to have eaten every single menu item once at least once. Before starting the experiment, he is tested by three doctors - a general practitioner, a cardiologist and a gastroenterologist - who pronounce his general health to be outstanding. They will also monitor him over the thirty days to ensure that he is not doing his health irreparable damage. He also consults with a dietitian/nutritionist and an exercise physiologist, the latter who also deems him to be above average fitness. As it mimics the lifestyle of those who eat fast food, he will also do no exercise for the thirty days, limiting himself to under 5,000 steps per day (the approximate equivalent of 2½ miles). These health and medical experts have some predictions about his general health and wellness by the end of the experiment. His vegan chef girlfriend also has some predictions about how this experiment will affect his mood and therefore their relationship. As he goes through the experiment, he speaks to a number of people - many experts in their respective fields - on the

pros and cons of the fast food lifestyle. Just over halfway through the experiment, it is evident that even the experts can be wrong, and not in a good way.

"Super Size Me (2004) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0390521/plotsummary>>.

62. **Taare Zameen Par**

Plot Summary

Ishaan Awasthi is an eight-year-old whose world is filled with wonders that no one else seems to appreciate; colours, fish, dogs and kites are just not important in the world of adults, who are much more interested in things like homework, marks and neatness. And Ishaan just cannot seem to get anything right in class. When he gets into far more trouble than his parents can handle, he is packed off to a boarding school to 'be disciplined'. Things are no different at his new school, and Ishaan has to contend with the added trauma of separation from his family. One day a new art teacher bursts onto the scene, Ram Shankar Nikumbh, who infects the students with joy and optimism. He breaks all the rules of 'how things are done' by asking them to think, dream and imagine, and all the children respond with enthusiasm, all except Ishaan. Nikumbh soon realizes that Ishaan is very unhappy, and he sets out to discover why. With time, patience and care, he ultimately helps Ishaan find himself.

"Taare Zameen Par (2007) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0986264/plotsummary>>.

63. **Tarnation**

Plot Summary

Part documentary, part narrative fiction, part home movie, and part acid trip. A psychedelic whirlwind of snapshots, Super-8 home movies, old answering machine messages, video diaries, early short films, snippets of '80s pop culture, and dramatic reenactments to create an epic portrait of an American family travesty. The story begins in 2003 when Jonathan learns that his schizophrenic mother, Renee, has overdosed on her lithium medication. He is catapulted back into his real and horrifying family legacy of rape, abandonment, promiscuity, drug addiction, child abuse, and psychosis. As he grows up on camera, he finds the escapist balm of musical theater and B horror flicks and reconnects to life through a queer chosen family. Then a look into the future shows Jonathan as he confronts the symbiotic and almost unbearable love he shares with his beautiful and tragically damaged mother.

"Tarnation (2003)." *Documentary Reality*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://documentary-reality.blogspot.com/2010/04/tarnation-2003.html>>.

64. **Train to Pakistan**

Plot Summary

Tensions run high near the border of British India, which is about to be partitioned into modern India and a new country called Pakistan. Sikhs living in this border town have heard numerous stories of Muslims killing, raping, and looting other Sikhs, Hindus, and Christians, and many of whom are their friends and relatives. Enraged at the loss of law and order, they plan their own attack on a trainful of Muslims leaving British India. The train is overcrowded with tens and thousands of migrating passengers, who are even perched on the windows and seated on the roof of this train. The plot is to tear the bridge down when the train is on it, and no one will dare stop these men from carrying out this horrific task.

"Train to Pakistan (1998) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010.
<<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0170704/plotsummary>>.

65. **The Truman Show**

Plot Summary

Truman Burbank (Jim Carrey) is unaware that his entire life is a hugely popular 24-hour-a-day TV series. In this real-time documentary, every moment of Truman's existence is captured by concealed cameras and telecast to a giant global audience. His friends and family are actors who smile pleasantly at Truman's familiar catchphrase greeting, "In case I don't see you later, good afternoon, good evening, and good night!" Employed at an insurance company, Truman is married to merry Meryl (Laura Linney), and they live in the cheerful community of Seahaven, an island "paradise" where the weather is always mild and no unpleasantness intrudes. This is the basic situation of the series, which has grown over the years into a billion-dollar franchise for the TV network. As an unwanted pregnancy, Truman was adopted by the network and raised in the zoolike environment of a TV soundstage. Thus, the TV audience became hooked when Truman was very young. Now, at age 30, he still doesn't know he's a prisoner in an immense domed city-size soundstage, simulating Seahaven. Both the illusion and the ratings will collapse if Truman ever leaves Seahaven. In addition to elaborate events staged to make sure he stays put, Truman is given constant reminders of how wonderful Seahaven is compared to dangers in other parts of the world. However, his growing suspicions make him curious enough to try to leave, and the show's director and master manipulator Christof (Ed Harris) must constantly devise ways to thwart Truman's escape attempts. To enter the harbor, Truman must overcome his fear of water, intentionally instilled in him when his father "died" in a boating accident and was written out of the script.

"The Truman Show Summary." *Starpulse.com*. Web. 15 July 2010.
<http://www.starpulse.com/Movies/Truman_Show,_The/Summary/>.

66. **Tuesdays with Morrie**

Plot Summary

Mitch became caught up with his career as a sport commentator and journalist. He ignored his girlfriend and did not make time to do things in life that are of the most value to a human being. Morrie was one of Mitch's professors in college and a famous scholar. One day Mitch was watching television and saw Morrie giving an interview stating that he is dying of Lou Gehrig disease or ALS.

"Tuesdays with Morrie (1999) (TV) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0207805/plotsummary>>.

67. **The Twilight of the Golds**

Plot Summary

When Suzanne Stein has a genetic analysis done on her unborn child, she discovers that although she has a healthy baby, the child will most likely be born gay, like her brother, David. She must decide whether to keep the child, or to have an abortion. Her family enters a crisis about love and acceptance as she makes this difficult choice.

"The Twilight of the Golds (1997) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0120392/plotsummary>>.

68. **Wit**

Plot Summary

Vivian Bearing, a demanding and uncompromising professor of 17th century English poetry specializing in the holy sonnets of John Donne, is diagnosed with advanced (stage 4) metastatic ovarian cancer. Being an academic, she treats the news with a certain matter-of-factness much like she would her own research. Indeed, her medical team - the renowned Dr. Harvey Kelekian and his fellow, Dr. Jason Posner, who happens to be an ex-student of hers - do treat her solely like a research experiment, with a "live at all cost" mentality. The doctors recommend an experimental treatment of aggressive chemotherapy, to which she agrees. In part out of her own choice but in part out of her own personal circumstances, she decides to go through the treatment alone. But as her treatment progresses, she wishes she had some more truly caring human interaction from people who see her as a person and not just a research experiment.

"Wit (2001) (TV) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0243664/plotsummary>>.

69. **15 Park Avenue**

Plot Summary

Widowed Mrs. Mathur lives in Calcutta with her son, Mahesh, and daughter, Anjali. She decides to re-marry Sunil Gupta, and through him gives birth to a daughter named Mithali, who is about 18 years younger than Anjali. Mahesh gets married to Padma and lives separately. Anjali too gets married, but is soon separated and divorced. She now works as a Lecturer in a college. Mithali grows up in this atmosphere with virtually two mothers, she is quiet, introverted, does not play outside and has no friends. Things change for the better when she goes to college, then to work with Illustrated Weekly, where she meets and falls in love with Joydeep "Jojo" Roy. Jojo proposes marriage, and is told that Mithali is not well, suffers from schizophrenia, has occasional epilepsy attacks, she must be looked after for the rest of her life. Nevertheless, Jojo decides to marry her. Then the unexpected happens when Mithali is gang-raped near the Bihar-Bengal border area where she was sent on an assignment by her employer. This shatters her completely, and changes the lives of her family and her relation with Jojo, who no longer wants to wed her. In the deep recesses of her mind, Mithali has secured a house on 15 Park Avenue, where she lives with her husband, Jojo, five children, and two dogs. Anjali has attempted several times, albeit in vain, to locate his address. Then a married Jojo re-enters Mithali's life, but Mithali is unable to remember him. He feels sorry for her plight and holds himself responsible, so he decides to help her find 15 Park Avenue. Watch what happens when Jojo and Mithali take a trip in Calcutta to locate an address which is in New York, and the impact George W. Bush's war against Iraq, and the downfall of Saddam Hussain have on Mithali.

"15 Park Avenue (2005) - Plot Summary." *The Internet Movie Database (IMDb)*. Web. 15 July 2010. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0449159/plotsummary>>.