
Subject: Good Bye Lenin

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 19 Aug 2005 14:10:57 GMT

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All the talk about political systems and what not in the Tower and Dungeon made me want to point out this film. It has both drama and humor, and even though it's subtitled, it's good enough you'll probably watch it more than once. A woman falls into a coma before the fall of the Berlin wall and wakes up afterward. She is a naive idealist, fully sold on the old Soviet system and the promises it brought. She lived her simple life, a good woman, but hopelessly naive. So when she wakes up, her son can't bear to tell her about the changes and sets up elaborate attempts to keep her in the dark, happily living in her old ways. It's heartwarming, interesting and an absolute riot.

Subject: Re: Good Bye Lenin

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 19 Aug 2005 15:45:07 GMT

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Now that is a good recommendation!

Subject: Re: Good Bye Lenin

Posted by [lon](#) on Sat, 20 Aug 2005 05:05:39 GMT

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..., and from a simpler time, I can recommend Billy Wilder's "1-2-3". I still think about it as a masterwork of timing in comedy. I first saw it when it was on back in the days if Saturday Night At The Movies. James Cagney, Horst Bucholtz, Pamela Tiffin in an across the border escapade about Coca Cola Company setting up shop in Russia. It could be remade today in China. But a Wilder film _cannot_ be remade. Also along the lines of the skewed political film there is The Underground by Emir Kusturica (I remember his name only because it sounds like Costa Rica and he has made one of my favorite films of all time called "Black Cat, White Cat."

The Underground

Subject: Kusturica

Posted by [Damir](#) on Sun, 21 Aug 2005 09:29:16 GMT

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Emir Kusturica is an interesting political story. He is from Bosnia, Moslim family, communist/YUGO background. During the war(s) in former Yugoslavia, his public "work" (apart from his controversial

but mostly good movies) was Yugo/Milosevic propaganda. War is over, Milosevic is in the prison, Yugoslavia is gone. And our "hero" declared himself Orthodox...maybe he will change his name now?

Subject: Re: Kusturica
Posted by [lon](#) on Sun, 21 Aug 2005 19:03:25 GMT
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Well, anyone that can portray a party with an opera diva pulling a nail out of a 2x4 with her butt is aces with me. Also on the recommended list with few reservations is Trey Parker's "Team America." I took a chance on that one and found myself sitting alone at 2AM laughing til tears came to my eyes during one of the scenes in that comedy.
Team America

Subject: Team America
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 21 Aug 2005 19:09:48 GMT
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I dug it too.
