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Thread: [Why do older movies feel more rewatchable?](#)

Mxstermind - September 15, 2026, 3:53 am

I've been going back through some older movies lately and noticed something.

Movies like Gran Torino, Full Metal Jacket, Moneyball, WarGames, Con Air, Starship Troopers etc. seem to have a completely different rewatch value.

Even when you already know exactly what's going to happen, they're still enjoyable.

A lot of newer movies feel more like:

> Watch it once -> understand the plot -> move on.

Older movies often have something that makes you want to put them on again years later.

Maybe it's the characters, dialogue, atmosphere, practical effects, or just better pacing.

I've started keeping a list of older movies I somehow missed.

Anyone else been going back through older movies lately?

arlington - September 15, 2026, 9:12 am

LOTR trilogy is a timeless piece for me.

HerrWinston - October 3, 2026, 3:31 am

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DemonAsylum - October 3, 2026, 5:02 pm

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First thing that came to my mind is what you said, nostalgia. I think for many cases it is the sole reason for the answer to OP's question. Movies we saw and enjoyed earlier in our lives, when we hadn't seen nearly as many yet, times were different, etc. It's also no doubt often a case of us associating positive times and memories with whenever we first or multiple times watched those movies back then. As a result, it can make them turn into a comfort watch of sorts or generally just be more appealing to watch again down the road.

slow0212 - October 8, 2026, 2:37 pm

In my opinion, the biggest issue with movies that aren't rewatchable is that they don't seem to respect the viewer. It's like every concept has to be overly simplified to avoid losing our attention; it's

not a matter of just creating complicated storylines, it's about trusting the ability of the viewer to interpret something from the movie, which in the end is one of the many artforms we have

hussain.spams - *October 10, 2026, 9:09 am*

nostalgia kicks in for me that is the only reason i can rewatch.

oRequiem - *October 12, 2026, 6:42 pm*

Because older movies have more effort in them in my opinion.