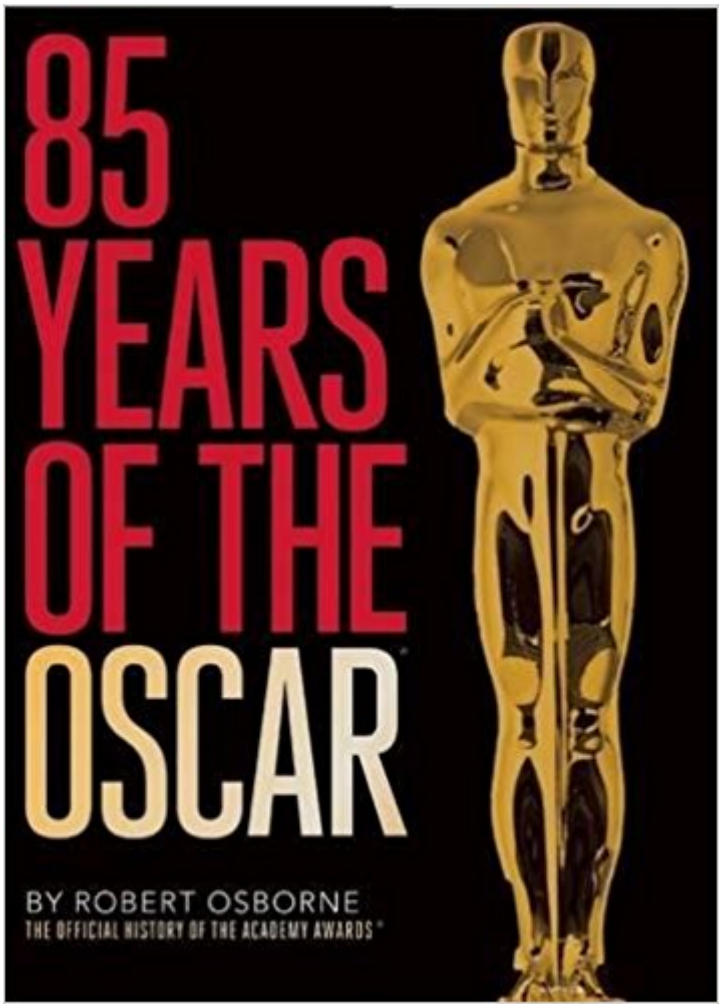
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85 Years Of The Oscar: The Official History Of The Academy Awards



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Synopsis

A deluxe, yearÃ¢â ¬â œbyÃ¢â ¬â œyear chronicle of the Academy Awards, with an entertaining text, hundreds of starÃ¢â ¬â œstudded photographs, and complete lists of the nominees and winners. 85 Years of the Oscar, newly revised and expanded, is the official history of the Academy Awards. Following an introductory chapter on the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the birth of the Oscars, the book presents the story of each year's awards, beginning with the very first, for the years 1927Ã¢â ¬â œ28. Author Robert Osborne surveys the movies in competition, recounts the speculation on various winners, and describes events during the awards ceremony. He also provides a complete listing of the all the nominees and winners in every category. Each year is illustrated with evocative stills from winning films and candid shots from the awards ceremony. Altogether, the book features more than 750 rare photographs, including original movie posters for every best picture. Drawing on Osborne's profound knowledge of film, the Academy's exceptional archives, and the personal reminiscences of stars from Katharine Hepburn to Clint Eastwood, 85 Years of the Oscar is unrivaled in illustration, accuracy, and completeness.

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Updated every five years since 1989, the latest revision of the official history of the Academy Awards is a must-read for movie buffs. OsborneÃ¢â ¬â„¢s latest look back delivers trivia, personal narratives, and more than 750 black-and-white and full-color photographs. The heavy volume offers a year-by-year account of each Oscar night, complete with extensively captioned photos from the big six categories (best actor and actress, best supporting actor and actress, best director, and best

film) as well as a listing of the nominees and winners of every other category awarded. Recommended for most public libraries and for academic libraries supporting film studies. --Rebecca Vnuk

"[85 Years of the Oscar] represents a separate sort of pantheon, an almost literal hall of fame that requires readers to set up shop in a sturdy chair and make sure the teapot is full, because they wonÃ¢â ¬â„¢t be getting up again anytime soon." — The New York Times "But what [85 Years of the Oscar] truly is, in this age of websites and databases, is something gloriously old-fashioned—a beautiful, hard–cover, painstakingly researched reference source on the Academy Awards and the classic movies they have honored. It's a four–star present for any cinephile." — The Star–Ledger "Essential for any cineaste completist's library." — The Philadelphia Inquirer "A must-read for movie buffs" — Booklist "For an Academy that prides itself on honoring outstanding achievements in the film industry, this book lives up to the same standard in publishing. With more than eight decades of history, the nonprofit organization certainly has a story to tell. And this one is worth reading.Ã¢â ¬Â• —Toledo Free Press 2013 Holiday gift guide selection. — O, The Oprah Magazine 2013 Holiday gift guide selection. — Entertainment Weekly Good Morning America Anchors' Favorite Coffee Table Books of 2013 — Lara Spencer's Pick Praise for the previous edition: "It's gorgeous!" —The New York Post "A must-own for any serious fan of film." —The Internet Movie Database "This terrific resource on the Academy Awards offers all things Oscar…Visually stunning." —Library Journal "Robert Osborne keeps the legend of Hollywood alive and well!Ã¢â ¬Â• —Drew Barrymore "No one knows more about Oscar history—or chronicles it with greater enthusiasm—than the one and only Robert Osborne. I look forward to each new edition of this handsome and valuable book." — Leonard Maltin "Robert OsborneÃ¢â ¬â„¢s knowledge and love of movies is extraordinary! 85 Years of the Oscar is a must read for everyone who loves movies. Who doesnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t love movies and who doesnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t love Robert Osborne?Ã¢â ¬Â• — Eva Marie Saint

This is the ultimate browsing book for the movie fan. Pop a bowl of popcorn, pour your favorite beverage, and sit down in your chair with this giant tome propped on a pillow (believe me, you'll need it to save your lap). You'll then regret you have to get up to refresh your beverage. Filled with hundreds of photos, endless skeins of trivia, and as many statistics and winner/loser lists as you could want, this book is a treasure.The only caveat I would share is the print size. I bought this book

for my wife for Christmas, and she loves it, but the very small print makes it difficult for her. So either get your eyes checked or maybe buy a magnifier. I wear bifocals and have no trouble, so it’s not microscopic, but be forewarned.Otherwise, the book is magnificent.

Yes, Osborne’s book is expensive, but I buy it every five years when a new edition is published. And, the .com price is a REAL BARGAIN. No other book even comes remotely close to the authenticity of this exceptionally thorough volume. I have noticed that other books about the Academy Awards either contain outright false information or skip significant categories, nominees, and winners. Osborne includes every conceivable fact about the entire 85 years of the Oscars. The side bar commentaries from winners are fascinating and insightful. The vintage photographs and movie posters are likewise bonus features. This brand new edition is a treasure for people who love great films and are cinema history fans.

85 years of Oscar is an opulent gift for the classic movie fansÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ number one fan Robert Osborn. This very large, very heavy book is a history of the Oscars from their start in 1929 until 2013. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s the type of book you curl up with at the end of a long hard day and get caught up in the magic of the movies. Not a dry history book, but full of facts about the people and the times with lots of pictures. At no time does the information become dry and boring. This book takes the magic night that happens once a year and makes it last. I enjoy seeing classic Hollywood when I was young and even before I was born. The Oscars have again passed into history for another year but there is still time to enjoy this book and has the best price anywhere. One down side to the book is it is very large and heavy so make sure you have a good book prop to balance it on. I wish Robert would write a book on classic Hollywood, just facts and less pictures. This book is a must for the ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“classic Movie fanÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• as Robert would say. So curl up in your favorite reading spot, donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t forget the book prop, and enjoy this opulent gift of a book. Raffle Baffle over and out

The most thorough and accurate history of the Academy Awards. I have all editions, even when he was younger and putting one out every year. Go Robert!And he does not editorialize and name his preferences. He simply states the facts. I appreciate that as I am an Oscar buff (afficionado) and very few people know as much as I do about the Oscars and all the categories and the various winners over the years. So I can be content with my choices (even if they didn’t win), and not have

to read someone else's opinions. Critics and I never agree anyway.

This book is an excellent resource for all those interested in the Academy Awards. It's not for a back shelf in your library; you'll want it on display. It's loaded with information and photos and will probably exceed your expectations...I was happily surprised at the content AND the quality of the book itself. Beautiful!

This wonderful history of the Oscars is updated every 5 years and it is truly a great reference work. This latest edition is still the best source for finding complete nominees for a given year. I did want to comment about the photos. Every year has photos of the major actors and actresses who won in scenes from their films. I couldn't help but notice that the photos chosen for this edition were not the best they could be. Some were out of focus and many just didn't have the quality that they should have for a book of this caliber. That is a minor complaint, however, and I would definitely recommend the book.

Cannot go wrong with anything from Robert Osborn. Our family really misses him. The book is all we expected and more....

I like the book well enough, but I was disappointed in the pictures. I know that the author, who I like very much, is a movie critic who works in words and not in pictures and in that since I would rate the book five stars. But, for me on the pictures I have to rate it three starts.

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