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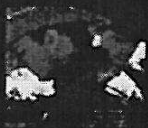
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**PICK OF THE WEEK**



**MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA**  
 Rated M

BASED on the internationally acclaimed novel by Arthur Golden, *Memoirs of a Geisha* is a sweeping romantic epic set in a mysterious and exotic world that still casts a potent spell today. The story begins in the years before WWII when a penniless Japanese child is torn from her family to work as a maid in a geisha house. Despite a treacherous rival who nearly breaks her spirit, she just blossoms into the legendary geisha Sayuri (Ziyi Zhang). Beautiful and accomplished, Sayuri captivates the most powerful men of her day, but is haunted by her secret love for the one man who is out of her reach (Ken Watanabe). Nine-year-old Chiyo, a poor fisherman's daughter, is taken from her family and sold to a geisha house. From her start as a common household maid, she blossoms into one of Kyoto's most renowned geishas, surviving the envy and treachery of the competition. A great movie loved by all our staff!



**BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN**  
 Rated M

From Academy Award-winning filmmaker Ang Lee comes an epic American love story based on the short story by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Annie Proulx and adapted for the screen by the team of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana. Set against the sweeping vistas of Wyoming and Texas, the film tells the story of two young men, a ranch-hand and a rodeo cowboy, who meet in the summer of 1963 and unexpectedly forge a lifelong connection, one whose complications, joys and tragedies provide a testament to the endurance and power of love. The Director and all the cast involved are in top form which elevates this film to a work of universal substance earning its heartbreak every step of the way. A beautiful love story.