

Top Ten Most Nostalgic 90's Action Films

10. Suburban Commando

A campy, ridiculous treat starring Hulk Hogan as an intergalactic bounty hunter, Suburban Commando was a constant fixture in many people's childhood VHS players. Costarring none other than Christopher Lloyd, you'll have a hard time finding a film as funny, cheesy and all around gloriously stupid.

9. Last Action Hero

With references to Hamlet and Ingmar Bergman's "The Seventh Seal," Last Action Hero is a film which can be enjoyed up into adulthood. While poking fun at iconic action films of the time, Last Action Hero achieves an iconic status itself, giving us villains such as "The Ripper." The film takes on an almost magical quality, transporting a young movie-goer into the silver screen, plopping him beside his favorite action star. A parody of sorts, Arnold Schwarzenegger is able to laugh at himself, while also reminding us while all of his films are enjoyable.

8. Dick Tracy

Warren Beatty's Dick Tracy taps into the spirit of Frank Miller's "Sin City" long before Robert Rodriguez decided to bring it to the screen. Dick Tracy looks and feels like a comic-strip brought to life, giving us the over-the-top, yet still phenomenal performance by Al Pacino as "Big Boy." Entertaining from beginning to end and now recognized as an evolutionary leap in stylistic filmmaking, Dick Tracy continues to bring back memories.

7. Independence Day

One of the most entertaining films possibly ever, Independence Day frightened, while simultaneously fascinated children and adults all through the 90s. Visually stunning, the effects were revolutionary for their time and continue to stand up today. Will Smith and Jeff Goldblum carry the movie with humor and classic quotes, while the action thrilled audiences, giving us a glimpse of what would happen if aliens came to earth and weren't so friendly. Every kid can remember the first time they saw Independence Day and the nightmares that came so vividly afterward.

6. Star Trek: First Contact

One of the best all-around action films, First Contact succeeds on every level, providing everything an action film should. The breathtaking opening shot is pulled through Picard's eye and pushed all the way out into the dark blanket of space...but wait, it doesn't stop there...we see Picard assimilated into the "Borg" collective. We then see him awake frightened in his quarters...but hold on one more minute...Boom! Double dream! Yes, First Contact opens up so epically and subjects the audience to a dream within a dream which establishes Picard's emotional investment to the storyline in a clear, concise and fun way. First Contact truly has everything, humor, action, drama, Roy Orbison, everything, making it one of the most memorable films of the 90s.

5. Men In Black

Few movie experiences come close to the first time you witness the sheer awesomeness of 1997's Men In Black starring Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith. Again, providing everything an action film should: nonstop action, humorous and self-reflective dialogue, cool gadgets, and

an inventive storyline, Men In Black contains so many nostalgic moments that this list would truly be incomplete without it.

4. Batman

I know, I know...Tim Burton's Batman came out in 1989, but it was truly appreciated all through the 90s, which makes it viable for this list. The first time we see the Dark Knight (not counting the Adam West version) on the big screen, it's in the ominous...dark...gothic...Gotham City of Tim Burton's creating, cementing certain elements of Batman for that specific generation. For instance...when you think of the Batmobile, you think of the 1989 version. There's no way around that. Spawning a franchise, which eventually lead to one of the best revamps in film history, Batman is perhaps one of the most iconic films to appear on this list.

3. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Jim Henson brought the Ninja Turtles to life with the vocal aid of Cory Feldman and an early appearance by Sam Rockwell, creating one of the greatest childhood experiences, which one of that generation can recall. Another example of a flawless action/comedy film Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles is a completely enjoyable film from beginning to end.

2. Goldeneye

Arguably the best James Bond film, Goldeneye continues the James Bond series with Peirce Bronsnan as the Ian Fleming character. Implementing all the staples of great 90s action films and creating some its own, Goldeneye provides a totally original experience, which far and away trumps any film that attempted the genre in that time period. While watching it, the nostalgia may be so thick you'll have to brush it away from your face.

1. Jurassic Park

When it comes to nostalgia there is nothing even close to Steven Spielberg's Jurassic Park, which singlehandedly made childhood in the 90s magical. Bringing dinosaurs to the big screen in such a realistic way, Jurassic Park is impossible to trump, for it combines suspense, action and humor with images that were unfathomable to children *and* adults of the time. The music alone can bring you back to seeing it for the first time, filling your heart with joy and wonderment, reminding you what it's like to be completely lost in a film. Jurassic Park will always be the crown jewel of nostalgic 90s action films.