

# Listed: Top 5 Thanksgiving movies

Check out these holiday classics

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Christmas and Halloween may get top billing when it comes to holiday movies, but the top 5 Thanksgiving films that best convey a cornucopia of reasons why we love our families - and all the dysfunction that sometimes goes with them - are no turkeys and deserve a go-round like the stuffing dish at the Thanksgiving table every year.

## 1. Planes, Trains and Automobiles

John Hughes' 1987 classic is, by all accounts, the hands-down reigning champ of Thanksgiving movies. Cursing and cuddling duo John Candy and Steve Martin in the road trip to end all trips make the trip home ... finally ... for Thanksgiving in constant hilarity and surprisingly endearing charm featuring two great performances.

## 2. Home for the Holidays

A top-notch cast, including Robert Downey Jr., Anne Bancroft, Charles Durning and Holly Hunter, lends acting chops to the 1997 Jodie Foster directed biting comedy that explores some common "stressors" that should ring familiar to those gathering with one's family during the holidays. Think family dysfunction at its best without submerging into dark Thanksgiving.

## 3. A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

The 10th prime-time animated TV special based upon the popular comic strip Peanuts, this 1973 classic animated Emmy-winner tops the list for sentimental fun ... and buzzkill ingrate Peppermint Patty inviting herself and a bunch of friends over to Charlie Brown's house only to complain about the meal he and Snoopy had slaved over all morning. Sound familiar?

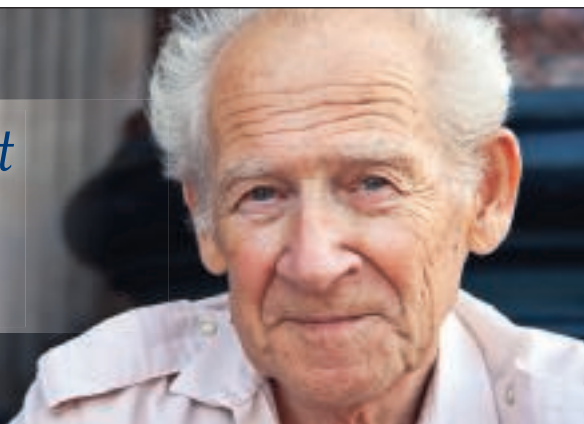
## 4. The Ice Storm

Definitely not for viewing when you're looking for lighter fare, this acclaimed feature film directed by Ang Lee explores a seemingly wholesome family that begins cracking at the seams over the course of a Thanksgiving break. Cast includes Joan Allen, Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver, Christina Ricci, Elijah Wood, Tobey Maguire and Katie Holmes in her screen debut.

## 5. Hannah and her Sisters

Nominated for a Best Picture Oscar, the 1986 Woody Allen film takes neurotic family situations and relationships between sisters to the next level - all surrounded by the drama bookended between two Thanksgiving holidays. Diane Wiest and Michael Caine took home Academy Awards for supporting actress and actor for their meaty parts in the film.

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