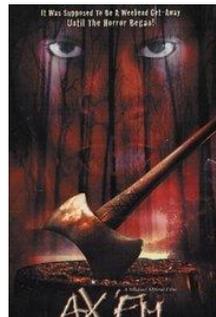


## The Best Horror Movies to see this Halloween *By Hailey Saylor*



Horror movies are nothing new. The very first horror film on record, *Le Manoir du Diable* by Georges Méliès, was released in 1896. Since then, they've become increasingly popular and taken over a good portion of Hollywood — especially around this time of year. Horror movie tickets can sell out scary fast during the Halloween season.

But you can't just see any horror movie. You have to see a good one. Why would you waste your money on a spooky Halloween night to see a movie that's not even spooky? Have no fear. I can help you find the right horror flick to indulge in on this year's All Hallows' Eve.



With a 1.2/10 rating from IMDb, *Ax 'Em* is definitely not the movie you want to take your date to see on Halloween.

The movies at the cinema are most likely going to be new releases. So, what's the best today's scary films have to offer? The film adaptation of Stephen King's *It* is most people's first choice. *It* has an 85% rating on Rotten Tomatoes, a 7.8/10 on IMDb, and a  $\frac{3}{4}$  from Roger Ebert. *Get Out*, a movie that came out earlier this year, has even more promising ratings, with a 99% on Rotten Tomatoes. Other popular movies to check out are *Annabelle: Creation*, *Alien: Covenant*, and *Jigsaw*; or, if you're going for the lesser known films, *Rings*, *Flatliners*, and *Amityville: Awakening* are good first picks.

Okay, new films are all fine and dandy, but maybe you're looking for something a little old school? There are tons of horror movies from the 80's and 90's that you can enjoy. *A Nightmare On Elm Street*, *The Thing*, *The Shining*, and *Poltergeist* are all iconic films in the horror industry. Going even further back to the 70's, you have such classic films like *The Exorcist*, *Halloween*, *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, *Jaws*, *Alien*, and many more.

Perhaps you don't want to go to the theater on Halloween night. Maybe you just want to settle down on the couch after trick-or-treating or handing out candy, open up a streaming service, and watch a good, scary movie. Well, you're in luck — Big streaming apps have plenty to offer. *Cult of Chucky* is available on Netflix, as well as *Saw (2004)*, *The Invitation*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Raw*, *Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning*, and *The Ouija Resurrection: Ouija Experiment 2*. Hulu offers films like *The Silence of the Lambs*, *Hellraiser*, *Cloverfield*, *Blair Witch*, and *Pet Semetary*. Many more are available on other streaming websites.

No matter where you go to find that perfect Halloween horror film, there are always hidden — or, sometimes, not-so-hidden — gems to be discovered. And trust me, if you don't find them, they'll crawl out of the shadows and find you!