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We've recently celebrated 81 years of the Annual Academy Awards. While all of the movies, actors, actresses, musical scores and more that have been nominated are superb, only one wins in each category. To honor 81 years of outstanding movies, check out these past winners:

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BEST PICTURE

[Casablanca \(1942\)](#)

Classic film set in unoccupied Africa during the early days of World War II: An American expatriate meets a former lover, with unforeseen complications.

[In the Heat of the Night](#)



BEST ACTOR

Lawrence Olivier in [Hamlet \(1948\)](#)

An African American detective is asked to investigate a murder in a racist southern town.

Marlon Brando in [On the Waterfront \(1954\)](#)



BEST ACTRESS

Vivian Leigh in [Gone With the Wind \(1939\)](#)

American classic in which a manipulative woman and a roguish man carry on a turbulent love affair in the American south during the Civil War and Reconstruction.

(1967)

An African American detective is asked to investigate a murder in a racist southern town.

An ex-prize fighter turned longshoreman struggles to stand up to his corrupt union bosses.

Anna Magnani in [The Rose Tattoo](#) (1955)

An Italian-American neighborhood in Louisiana is disturbed when truck driver Rosario Delle Rose is killed by police while smuggling.

**BEST DIRECTOR****John Ford for the [Grapes of Wrath](#) (1940)**

A poor Midwest family is forced off of their land. They travel to California, suffering the misfortunes of the homeless in the Great Depression.

Richard Attenborough for [Gandhi](#) (1982)

Biography of Mahatma Gandhi, the lawyer who became the famed leader of the Indian revolts against the British through his philosophy of non-violent protest.

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