





A DEFINITIVE RANKING OF THE MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY ROM COM COLLECTION

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I was searching for a light-hearted movie to cure my boredom & blues, and stumbled upon multiple titles featuring the one, the only, the Lincoln driving, Oscar winning, beach bummin, alright-alright-alrighting man himself, Matthew McConaughey. So you don't have to, I delved deep into his pre-serious actor days and watched every rom-com he's made. Here's what I thought:.

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HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS WATCH ON HBO GO

Obviously, this is #1. Dare I say it is not just McConaughey's best, but the best Rom Com of the Aughts? Kate Hudson and McConaughey's chemistry is FIRE. I could watch those two try to out-wit each other in anything. The plot, albeit far fetched, is fun and entertaining. I appreciate that Hudson plays a smart, strong lead and that McConaughey isn't the typical womanizer he usually plays. This movie has so many iconic, memorable moments: Princess Sophia, the love fern, the card game with Ben's family, the moment they realize they've been deceiving each other and drunkenly sing "You're So Vain", Kate Hudson in the yellow dress wearing the Isadora Diamond! I    !!! This is a great feel good film and a must watch (over, and over, and over again if you're me.)

2

THE WEDDING PLANNER \$3.99 ON AMAZON VIDEO

The plot of this movie is a little ridiculous but I still love it. Imagine being JENNIFER LOPEZ and thinking you have to settle for a guy you don't actually love. But still, the meet-cute in this movie is one of the most memorable rom-com meet-cutes ever - Jennifer Lopez almost dying and Matthew McConaughey saving her just in the nick of time. This movie also has a great amount of "twists" and reveals when the characters find out more and more. I don't really understand why McConaughey's character was even with the woman he was with in the first place, but it sets us up for some great tormented, forbidden love and longing that I just eat right up. Is this the Romeo and Juliet of our time?? Okay, no... but it's still a great watch! A bummer that it isn't streaming anywhere but maybe you can dig it out of your Mom's DVD collection from 2002.



3

FOOL'S GOLD WATCH ON TNT

Okay I don't know if this technically counts as a Rom Com, it's more of an Action-Comedy, but it's light hearted and fun so we're gonna count it. Our favorite duo, Kate Hudson and McConaughey are back, this time as a divorced couple on a wild treasure hunt! This movie doesn't have a lot of substance, but is a nice departure from the usual rom-com tropes, and has National Treasure vibes as they search for sunken treasure. A pre-famous Kevin Hart plays the villain, so we get to see a different side of him, as he hasn't developed that classic "Kevin Hart" style he's known for yet. In a subplot, the daughter of the rich old guy complains about having to spend two whole weeks with her Dad on a yacht in Carribean. I wish that's how I could ride out this pandemic! Overall, is this the greatest movie ever made? Nah, but this is another feel-good movie that wont hurt you to watch if you're bored.

4

FAILURE TO LAUNCH WATCH ON NETFLIX

This was just fine. Had a good supporting cast (Zoey Deschanel, Bradley Cooper, the sidekick from National Treasure, Kathy Bates, and randomly Terry Bradshaw) but overall just kind of boring and I didn't believe the romance between McConaughey and Sarah Jessica Parker. It had a weird subplot that McConaughey kept getting attacked by normally docile wild animals and then once the movie was resolved he finally reconnected with nature and became friends with a dolphin?? I did not understand, but overall the movie was fine I guess. Only watch if you're really, really bored.

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GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST WATCH ON NETFLIX

Just don't watch this one. It's not worth it. It's offensive, tone deaf, and downright stupid from start to finish. McConaughey plays a heartless womanizer who destroys his brother's wedding by being a sleazebag (but also his brother cheated on his fiancée and McConaughey lets it slip, but the brother gets mad at him? Like bro, you're the one that cheated!) McConaughey goes on a Christmas Carol themed discovery of himself (though it is NOT a Christmas movie) and gets 100% redeemed at the end. One good deed does not make up for +30 years of scumbaggery in my opinion. I also hate how this movie makes women into brainless idiots that are fawning over McConaughey even though they know he sucks. Jennifer Gardner plays the romantic lead, and honestly deserved better! She should have ended up with the cute, nice Doctor her friends tried to set her up with and not McConaughey, but I guess that's not how rom coms work. The only highlights of this movie are great performances by Emma Stone and Noureen DeWulf. I hate the movie and do not recommend you watch it no matter how bored you are! The worst part is that it has absolutely nothing to do with National Treasure.