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While helping viewers decide what to watch on a given day, this book will also introduce readers to films they may not have otherwise considered. Aimed at film buffs and casual viewers alike, *A Year of Movies* is also an ideal resource for librarians who want to offer creative programming for their patrons.

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Editorial Review

Review

With *A Year in Movies*, author Ivan Walters has taken the idea several steps further, painstakingly compiling a list of 366 films, both recent and classic, for every single day of the year. All or a significant part of every movie included takes place on a specific calendar date, so you can look up your birthday (as my family did when the book arrived) and read about a film where that date is significant to the story. And if a particular date isn't mentioned in the film itself, Walters often includes the novel or historical source which does. Other times we just have to take his word for it. . . . [T]his volume makes a nifty historical reference guide. . . . [T]he basic concept of *A Year of Movies* makes it unique among film reference books, one that'll be fun to grab off the shelf every now and then when pondering a particular calendar date. And I suppose the book also poses the ultimate challenge to any film buff...to view each of these titles on the dates in which they take place. I wish I had the time and resources to accept such a challenge. What a journey that would be. (*Free Kittens Movie Guide*)

Imagine an undertaking on everyday of a calendar year in which some part of a movie took place. Author Ivan Walters did just that. His new book *A Year of Movies* author Ivan Walters does just that. Pick any day and flip to the date and he will tell you all the information about the book. Year released, genre, run time, availability, the date in the film, cast/crew and synopsis of the movie. It's quite the undertaking to find a film for each day. It's a comprehensive list of movies. (*Red Carpet Crash*)

On February 2nd, Groundhog Day, if it's cloudy when the groundhog emerges from its burrow, spring will come early. If it's sunny, then the groundhog will see its shadow and there will be six more weeks of winter. So goes the folktale. What better way to celebrate this holiday than by viewing 1993's 'Groundhog Day,' starring Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell? It's an idea that totally makes sense to author Ivan Walters. He takes that even further by offering you a movie for every single day of the year. He provides vital info on his featured choice, a synopsis, plus an alternate pick. The book is entitled, *A Year of Movies: 365 Films to Watch on the Date They Happened*. It's quite a brilliant concept. The trick is to find an explicit mention of a date in a movie. Inevitably, the date is either crucial to the plot or is part of a pivotal moment in the movie. . . . This book has a high fun factor to it. Many of the movies are within the last 20 to 30 years with a generous helping of older classics like 1941's 'Citizen Kane.' It is a refreshing and entertaining way to look at movies. It becomes an offbeat game anyone can enjoy while also providing insight. (*Comics Grinder*)

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Ivan Walters is a sales representative for a videography company.

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