30 Behind The Scenes Morsels To Entertain And Delight

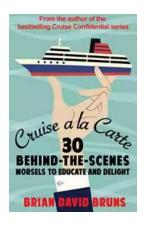
Are you a fan of movies and behind the scenes trivia? Well, have we got a treat for you! We've gathered 30 fascinating morsels of behind the scenes information that will entertain and delight any movie enthusiast. From iconic films to lesser-known gems, these behind the scenes stories are sure to give you a new perspective on your favorite flicks.

1. The Shining: Frozen Cast

Did you know that the cast of The Shining had to endure freezing temperatures during the filming of the famous hedge maze scene? The maze was actually constructed indoors, but the set was chilled to create the icy atmosphere. Talk about dedication!

2. Jurassic Park: The Velociraptor Whisperer

In Jurassic Park, the sound of the velociraptors communicating was created by blending the sounds of tortoises mating, horses breathing, and the sound of a gecko. Who knew that tortoises could sound so menacing?



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3. The Lord of the Rings: Broke a Record

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King holds the record for the most Oscar wins for a single film. It won all 11 awards it was nominated for, including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Adapted Screenplay. Truly a masterpiece of cinema.

4. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone: Real Chess Game

In the first Harry Potter film, one of the challenges the trio faced in order to reach the Sorcerer's Stone was a life-sized chessboard. To create the movement of the chess pieces, a group of people dressed as the different pieces actually played a game of chess. It took them weeks to choreograph the moves!

5. E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial: Hidden Secrets

In E.T., there are several hidden Star Wars references. During the Halloween scene, one of the kids is dressed as Yoda, and E.T. recognizes him and tries to communicate with him. It's a fun Easter egg for fans of both films.

6. The Matrix: Gravity-Defying Stunts

In order to film the iconic bullet dodging scenes in The Matrix, the actors had to be suspended from wires and have their outfits attached to them. The wires were then removed in post-production to give the illusion of defying gravity.

7. Jaws: The Unseen Shark

In Jaws, the shark is mostly unseen throughout the film. This was mainly due to technical difficulties with the mechanical shark. However, this limitation actually heightened the tension and made the movie even scarier. Sometimes less is more!

8. Titanic: Exquisite Replica

To create the iconic Titanic set for the film, a 90% scale replica of the ship was built. This massive set took over 60 construction workers to build and included impressive details such as hand-carved woodwork and functional plumbing.

9. Back to the Future: Almost a Different Actor

Michael J. Fox wasn't the first choice to play Marty McFly in Back to the Future. Eric Stoltz was originally cast in the role, but after filming for six weeks, the director decided to replace him with Fox. The decision paid off, and Fox became inseparable from the beloved character.

10. The Dark Knight: Unpredictable Joker

Heath Ledger's performance as the Joker in The Dark Knight was legendary. To make his performance more unpredictable, Ledger would often ad-lib his lines. The famous "Why so serious?" line was actually improvised!

11. The Titanic: Nude Sketch

In Titanic, the scene where Rose poses nude for Jack's sketch was originally intended to have a body double. However, Kate Winslet insisted on doing the scene herself to make it more authentic. Talk about dedication to the craft!

12. The Shawshank Redemption: Slow Booming Success

Although The Shawshank Redemption is considered one of the greatest films of all time today, it was a box office flop upon its release. It wasn't until its home

video release that the film gained the recognition it deserved.

13. The Avengers: Shwarma Scene

In The Avengers, the scene where the heroes eat shawarma was shot after the world premiere. The idea came from director Joss Whedon, who wanted to add a humorous touch to the end of the film. The cast had to sit through hours of makeup to recreate the premiere looks for the post-credits scene!

14. The Godfather: Authentic Reactions

In the famous wedding scene in The Godfather, many of the extras were actually local residents who had no acting experience. Francis Ford Coppola wanted to capture authentic reactions, so he kept the cameras rolling even during unexpected events, such as someone accidentally tripping. These genuine moments added to the realism of the film.

15. Pulp Fiction: \$5 Milkshake

In Pulp Fiction, Mia Wallace orders a \$5 milkshake at the diner. The joke is that in reality, the milkshake was actually a lot more expensive due to the cost of production. Quentin Tarantino wanted to poke fun at the high mark-up prices in fancy restaurants.

16. Inception: No Time for Nap

In Inception, the majority of the principal cast members never slept for three consecutive days to capture the dazed and sleep-deprived look their characters had. Talk about method acting!

17. The Wizard of Oz: Silly Red Slippers

In The Wizard of Oz, Dorothy's ruby slippers were originally silver in the book. However, the filmmakers decided to change them to red to take advantage of the newly developed Technicolor process. The sparkling red slippers have since become an iconic symbol of the film.

18. Forrest Gump: Chocolate Box

In the famous scene from Forrest Gump where Forrest says, "Life is like a box of chocolates," Tom Hanks actually improvised that line. The original script said, "Life was like a box of chocolates." Hanks changed it on set, and the rest is history.

19. Star Wars: Wookiee Language

In the Star Wars films, the wookiee language spoken by Chewbacca is a combination of various animal sounds, including bears, lions, and walruses. It took sound designer Ben Burtt much experimentation to create the unique and recognizable roar of Chewbacca.

20. The Lion King: Serenaded by a Singer

To get the desired emotional performance for the song "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" in The Lion King, the animators played Elton John's version of the song on set. The heartfelt singing helped the animators capture the right mood for Simba and Nala's romantic scene.

21. The Exorcist: Creepily Accurate Effects

In The Exorcist, the pea soup-like vomit and the rotating head effect were created using practical effects. For the rotating head, they built a lifelike replica of Linda Blair's head and rotated it using wires and a motor. The result, as terrifying as it is, still holds up today.

22. The Social Network: Digital Twin

In The Social Network, actor Armie Hammer portrayed the Winklevoss twins. To achieve the seamless double performance, a combination of CGI and body doubles were used. Hammer would play one twin while his body double would play the other, and their performances were later digitally merged in post-production.

23. Fight Club: Hidden Starbucks Cups

In Fight Club, director David Fincher intentionally placed Starbucks coffee cups in various scenes to represent the corporate influence on modern society. The cups can be seen in nearly every scene, sometimes hidden in the background.

24. Avatar: The Height of Production

Avatar holds the record for the highest production budget in the history of cinema. The film cost an estimated \$237 million to produce, and its groundbreaking technology and visual effects made it a game-changer for the film industry.

25. Gone with the Wind: Vivien Leigh's Hidden Beauty Mark

In Gone with the Wind, Vivien Leigh wore a small beauty mark on her cheek to accurately portray the character Scarlett O'Hara. However, the beauty mark was actually fake and had to be applied daily before filming.

26. The Silence of the Lambs: Real Moths

In The Silence of the Lambs, the iconic scene where a moth crawls into the mouth of a murder victim was filmed using a real moth. The moth was placed over a dental dam to protect it, and a fishing line was used to guide it into the actor's mouth.

27. The Dark Knight Rises: Batcave Secret

In The Dark Knight Rises, the entrance to the Batcave was actually filmed at Wollaton Hall in Nottingham, England. This stunning Gothic Revival mansion served as the perfect backdrop for Bruce Wayne's secret lair.

28. Jumanji: Realistic Reactions

In Jumanji, actor Robin Williams was known for his improvisational skills. During some of the chaotic scenes, Williams would surprise his fellow cast members by throwing or saying unexpected things to capture their genuine reactions. Talk about keeping your co-stars on their toes!

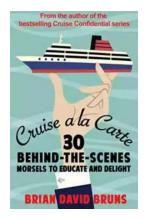
29. Blade Runner: Rainy Set Secrets

In Blade Runner, the constant rain seen in the film wasn't created using CGI or special effects. Instead, the rain was created using hoses and pipes from fire hydrants. The crew had to constantly monitor the water pressure to ensure the rain effect looked consistent throughout the film.

30. Casablanca: Last-Minute Rewrite

The iconic line "Here's looking at you, kid" from Casablanca was added to the script last minute. The line wasn't originally written, but Humphrey Bogart adlibbed it during filming, and it became one of the most memorable lines in movie history.

And there you have it! Thirty behind the scenes morsels that are sure to entertain and delight any movie lover. From the unscripted moments to the hidden details, these stories give us a glimpse into the incredible world that exists behind the final cut. So next time you watch your favorite film, remember all the fascinating things that happened behind the scenes to bring it to life.



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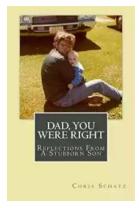
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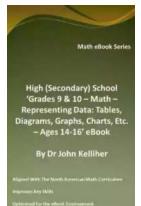
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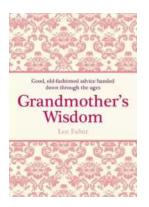
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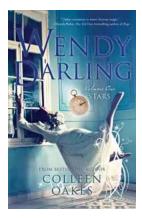
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