



Grab The JuJu Bees: Make It A Single Parent Themed Movie Night

Tired of the same old movie nights? Are there few to no new releases that sound even remotely interesting? Make it a themed movie night this weekend with DVDs showcasing single parents and their challenge in balancing home life with careers.

Pop the popcorn, snap open the soda cans, bring out the blankets and begin your evening with the quintessential single parent survival guide, *Kramer v. Kramer*. This Oscar-winning classic trails the powerful and realistic trials and tribulations of Ted, played by Dustin Hoffman, as he adjusts to life with his son after the sudden departure of his Manhattan housewife, Joanna, played by Meryl Streep. From pancake disasters to dating, Ted's entire world is turned upside down. As his domestic responsibilities change, so do his career opportunities and priorities. Ted's left finding the right balance between fatherhood and professional fulfillment.

Jerry Maguire melds comedy with romance as a sports manager, played by Tom Cruise, is fired and tries to build his own name. Jerry finds himself entangled with Dorothy, a staff accountant and single mother played by Renee Zellweger, who's complex and turbulent romance parallels Jerry's star player as he reaches his peak. Cultural catchphrases from the movie include "you had me at hello" and "show me the money".

Winner of countless awards including the Academy's Best Actress and Best Supporting Actor, Erin Brocovich, played by Julia Roberts, portrays the dedication and charisma of a single mother of three who, after losing a personal injury lawsuit, sets out to discover the truth behind countless cases filed against Pacific Gas and Electric. This movie was based on a true story about a cover-up threatening an entire community.

Other movies to consider during your single parent extravaganza include *Hockey Mom*, *Bastard out of Carolina* and *Beloved*, both adaptations from highly influential novels, *The Cure* and *A Home of Our Own*. As with all movies, read the synopsis and check ratings to ensure your selections are appropriate for all viewers.

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