

# Death and Dying in the Movies

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06/06/2019 - *Harold and Maude*: A classic dark comedy cult film. Harold is a young man bored with wealth but interested in death. Maude is a wonderful septuagenarian who sees nothing but good in the world. A most unusual romance.

06/13/2019 - *The Sea Inside*: This film is about a Spaniard "Ramon" who fought for 30 years to win the right to end his life with dignity. The film celebrates the nature of freedom and love.

06/20/2019 - *Ich Kluge An "I Accuse"* is a lyrical German treatment of a controversial topic; mercy killing. A physician's wife with terminal disease eggs him to release her from suffering. Her husband eventually administers a fatal overdose to her.

06/27/2019 - *The Passion of Joan of Arc*: Spiritual rapture and institutional hypocrisy come to stark vivid life in this B&W silent film. The film chronicles the trial of Joan of Arc leading to her execution.

07/11/2019 - *Wit*: Vivian is an English professor with a biting wit. She would never let down her defenses until diagnosis of a devastating illness. Her experimental treatment lasts 8 months. Vivian discovers a fine line between life and death that can only be walked with wit.

07/18/2019 - *Million dollar Baby*: Clint Eastwood plays Frankie Dunn, a boxing trainer. Hillary Swank plays Maggy determined not to abandon her boxing dream. An unlikely couple united to the very end.

07/25/2019 - *Me Before You*: "Lou" lives in the England countryside. Her normally cheery outlook is tested as she becomes caregiver to "Will" wheelchair bound and all but given up on life. They find their lives changed in ways neither could have imagined.