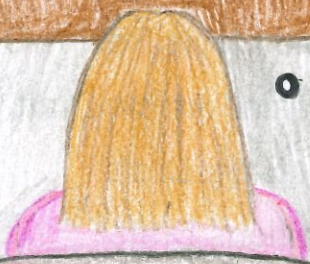


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This cover represents my thematic statement, "Barbie allows us to feel the magic of being a child long after we have grown up". I showed this by drawing "current Holly" watching a Barbie movie, yet I am thinking and feeling like "little Holly". This photo is me when I was four years-old and is an accurate representation of my love of Barbie.

# Barbie Movie Recipe

## Ingredients

- **1 beautiful heroine**
- **1-2 sassy animal sidekicks**
- **1 dead or long lost parent (optional)**
- **1 evil antagonist (add a pinch of magic for extra problems)**
- **1 handsome love interest (royalty is recommended, but a tradesman or scholar works as well)**
- **A handful of musical numbers**
- **1 dangerous climax scene**
- **1 romantic wedding**

## Instructions

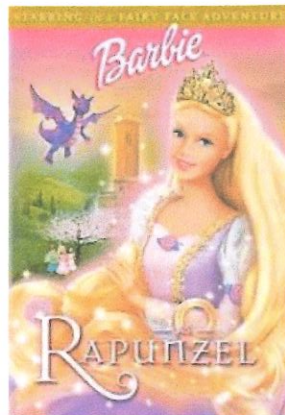
1. Mix together the heroine, sidekicks, and the dead or long lost parent (if wanted) into a countryside or village near a large kingdom.
2. Next add the antagonist and set aside for conflicts to start forming.
3. Slowly add in the love interest and ensure it is mixed well with the heroine.
4. Next sprinkle on half of the musical numbers and save the rest for later!
5. Put the movie into the oven to bake. Pull out when almost cooked and add the dangerous climax scene. Put the movie pack into the oven and remove when the antagonist is defeated.
6. Leave the movie out for the conflicts to cool down. Ensure the heroine and love interest's love is solid and baked through before removing from the pan.
7. Spread the romantic wedding on top and sprinkle the leftover musical numbers onto the movie.

Your final product is a deliciously predictable, but nostalgic Barbie Movie.



# A Nostalgic Look at the Past

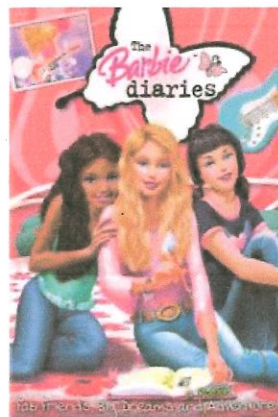
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Barbie as Rapunzel was released in early October of 2002 and became popular as the second movie in the Barbie movie series. This film was inspired by the Grimm Brothers' story of *Rapunzel*, but Rapunzel is an artist in the Barbie adaptation. The music in this movie was performed by the London Symphony Orchestra and the main tune, *Rapunzel Theme* gets stuck in my head all the time!

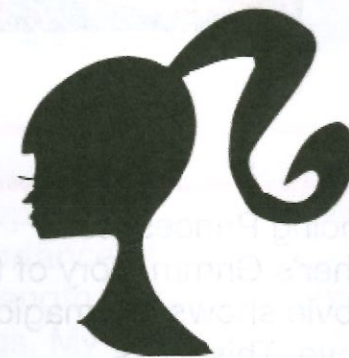


The Barbie Diaries is the first movie where the actress Barbie plays herself as a high school student. This movie is the only motion-captured animated film. This movie tells the story of Barbie's high school experience, which is playing in her band, run-ins with the mean girls and wooing her crush!

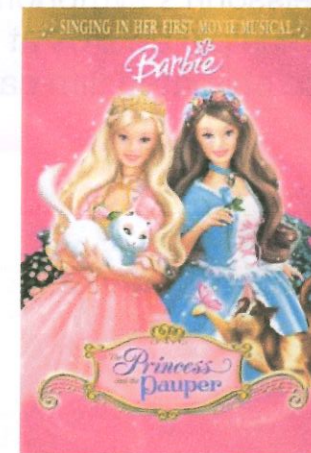


# Through Barbie Movies.

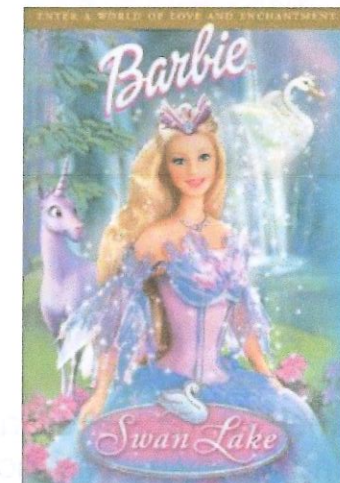
Do you remember being little and curling up on a rainy day to watch a Barbie Movie? Well, I have on countless occasions and let me tell you, these movies are incredibly nostalgic! Here are 10 of my favourite original Barbie movies and some fun facts for each movie. Some of these movies came out over 18 years ago (If that doesn't make you feel old, I don't know what will.) I hope you dive into the magic of these movies like I did while writing this article!



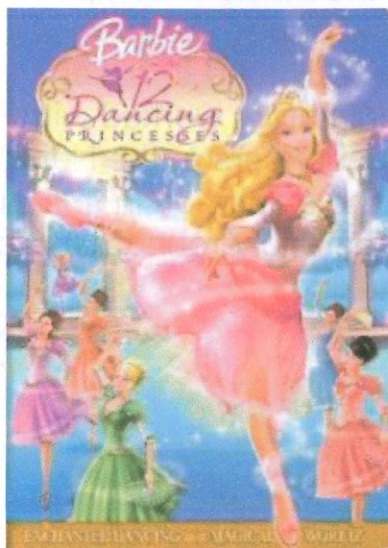
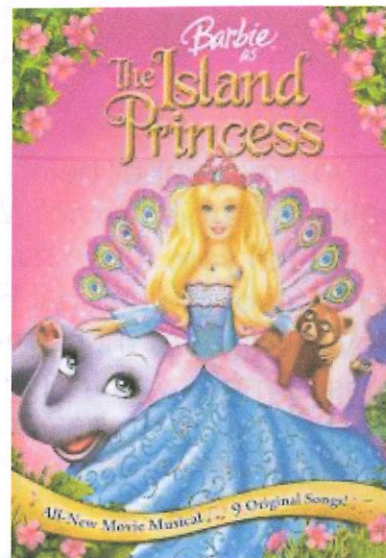
Barbie of Swan Lake is Barbie's second ballet movie and the music is composed by the Russian Composer, Tchaikovsky. Many scenes are dedicated to ballet scenes and the animators worked with the principal ballet dancers at the New York City Ballet. The animation in this film is improved and the background, scenic views are breathtaking.



Barbie as the Princess and the Pauper is Barbie's first full-length musical. Inspired by Mark Twain's, *The Prince and the Pauper*, this musical has one of my favourite Barbie movie soundtracks. The costumes in this movie are timeless.

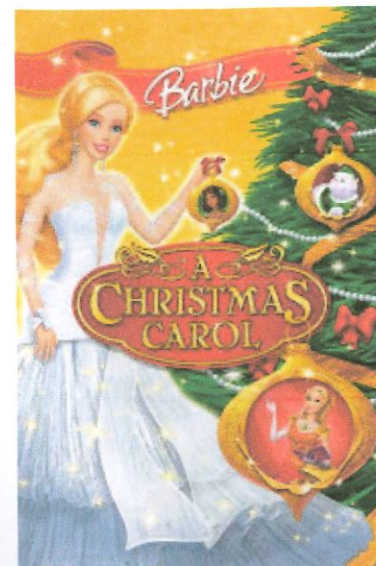
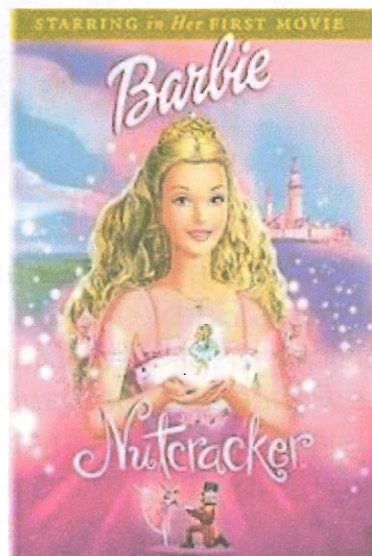


Barbie in the Island Princess takes place on a tropical island. The film is very animal-based and is the first movie where Barbie can speak to animals. The soundtrack consists of many upbeat pop songs and has many island-inspired songs by playing instruments such as; the steel drums and bongos.



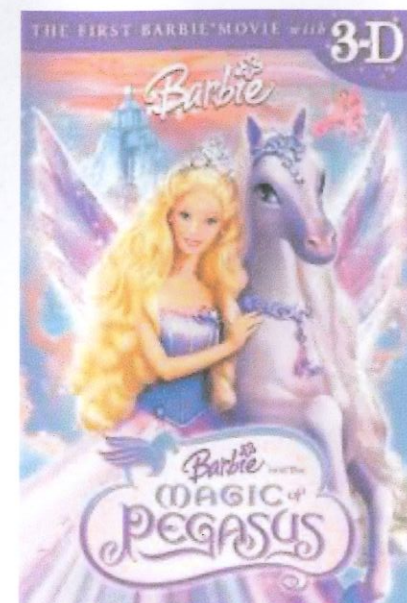
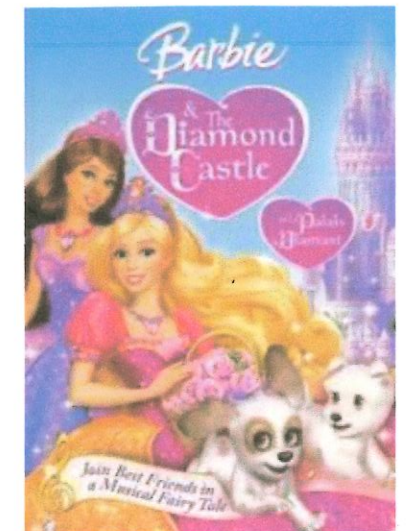
Barbie in the 12 Dancing Princesses is inspired by the Brother's Grimm story of the same name. This movie shows the magic of dance and sisterly love. This film's soundtrack is composed of many pieces from Felix Mendelssohn's symphonies. This movie also won multiple awards at the 2007 Leo Awards in the animated film categories.

Barbie in the Nutcracker is Barbie's first full-length movie. This movie tells the story of *The Nutcracker* ballet and its soundtrack is also composed by Tchaikovsky. This Christmas classic has basic animation, but it is one of the movies I watch every holiday season.



Barbie in a Christmas Carol is inspired by Charles Dickens's classic story. Barbie plays the "Scrooge-like" opera singer Eden. This story teaches the lesson of being grateful and generous with the luxuries one has. The soundtrack is composed of many classic Christmas carols. This is a feel-good Christmas movie that is a must-see for the festive time of year.

Barbie & the Diamond Castle was released in September 2008 and shares the importance of friendship. This film is another full-length musical and has many original songs. My favourite song would be *Connected*. The harmonies blend together nicely! The main characters in this movie are "played" by Barbie and Theresa. This marks the 20-year anniversary of their friendship.



Barbie and the Magic of Pegasus is Barbie's first 3-D animated movie. This is also the first original story created for a Barbie movie. The soundtrack is a mix of classical music such as *Beethoven's 6th Symphony*, as well as modern pop songs. The main character, Princess Annika has a love of the outdoors and ice skating. This is the first movie to completely take place in a winter environment.

Dear Diary,

04/02/12

Today I was going to have a playdate with Megan for her birthday at the playground, but it was very rainy! I can't wait to turn eight like her in a few months! We will play with our dolls at her house tomorrow if it is still rainy or go to the playground. I was sad when we couldn't go today, so Mommy made me feel better. She made me apples and peanut butter for a snack and put on a Barbie movie for me.

I watched the one with the pretty dancing and the girl who turns into a bird, I think a swan. I want to dance like that, she looks so graceful. After that, it was Mommy and Daddy's time for dinner with Aunty Lisa and Uncle Andy for Mommy's birthday. Mom called Abby to come over and play with me all night! She's my favourite babysitter.

We played doctor and she even read a story to me before I am writing in you. Well goodnight Diary, I can't wait to tell you about my playdate with Megan!

Love Holly :)

Hi again, I'm not supposed to be up and my alarm clock says it's 10:03 and it is so late! I had to tell you, I heard Abby on the phone talking to her boyfriend! She has a boyfriend! I bet she kisses him too, bleh. I want to be a teenager like Abby, she's so pretty and drives here in her car and has a boyfriend! Being a kid is no fun, all I do is play. I want to be grown up and cool like Abby.

Maybe if I wish hard enough, I will wake up and be 16 like Abby and go to high school! Well I had to share that Diary! Maybe tomorrow I will wake up all grown up.

Sweet dreams Diary! 



# Definitions

Childhood [CHaid-hud]

noun

- The time in one's life where one begins their life.
- The Early stages of development.



Nostalgia [nuh-staal-juh]

noun

- The longing and wanting to go back to a past time or place, often with positive memories.



Femininity [feh-muh-ni-nuh-tee]

noun

- Characteristics, roles and attributes connected with womanhood.



## Barbie as the Princess and the Pauper- Movie Review

Though this movie is recommended for children, I believe this film shares lessons that all must hear. This movie has a lovely mix of humour, music and love, both romantic and friendly.

Taking inspiration from Mark Twain's, *The Prince and the Pauper*, this movie tells the story of Princess Anneliese and Erika the pauper. The girls want to be free to live the lives they want and marry whom they love. Their paths cross after 18 years through song. Shortly after their meeting, the princess is kidnapped and Erika must fill in her place. The girls go on many dangerous adventures to save their kingdom and follow their hearts.

This film is very memorable because of the various cinematic elements such as the costumes, music, and animal sidekicks. The 18th century style dresses are always timeless. With one of the main characters being a dressmaker, the costumes Erika "made" for Princess Anneliese are very detailed and fit for royalty.

Another element is the soundtrack. The duets from Anneliese and Erika are very pretty as the girls' voices mix so well together during the harmonies. I also love the villain, Preminger's song, "How can I Refuse?". This song displays the hidden evil of this character. My final favourite song is, "To Be a Princess", where Erika is taught "Princess 101" from Julien, Anneliese's tutor and true love.

The final cinematic element is the sidekicks, Anneliese's prim and proper cat Serafina, Erika's barking Tomcat, Wolfie and Preminger's mischievous poodle, Midas. The constant fighting between Serafina and Midas, Serafina's devotion to Anneliese and Wolfie's quirky bark adds an entertainment factor and a frequent laugh throughout the movie.

This movie has the traditional Barbie animation and the voice acting of Kelly Sheridan adds to the nostalgia of this movie. However, what makes this movie truly timeless is the life lessons taught. The main theme is to be yourself and follow your heart. While Erika pretends to be Princess Anneliese, King Dominick (Aneliese's arranged fiance) and Erika fall in love. Even once the king knew that she was Erika and not the princess, he loved Erika regardless.





Overall this movie makes me smile, dance and remember my childhood. However, there is more substance and lessons to this movie than the other Barbie movies. I would recommend this movie to all families for children to learn from a young age that being yourself is the key.



# Childhood Eulogy

I met my childhood at my first memory of playing with the other children at daycare. I might have been three or four, but I remember the feeling of the wind rustling my hair and the thrill of playing outside with my friends. Childhood was there with every deep breath during tag and each giggle when I would be chased by a boy. Childhood has a special place in each of our hearts and is missed dearly by all.

I don't know much about childhood, it was always such a light-hearted and fun time that I never knew it would leave so soon. Childhood was always so innocent, time with it was just pure, thoughtless entertainment. It was close with everyone I knew whether it was recent or many years ago.

My best memories with Childhood were made in the first 10 years of my life. Those were the days of playing with my Barbie dolls and giving each doll a story. Childhood and I would play for hours with those dolls. Childhood would snuggle into bed with my teddy bears and I to read a Robert Munsch story before bed. However, my most favourite memory of Childhood is tobogganing on a crisp winter day. Childhood was always there in the adrenaline boost of traveling down the hill and my face full of prickly, wet snow when I would wipeout.

Childhood grew up in my heart and mind when I was younger. It was always there to play and explore the world around me. The last day I spent with Childhood was my last day before high school. I was feeling the nerves of entering this new phase of my life. This phase was the first time it felt more like an intimidating task than an adventure with Childhood. The next morning I woke up and discovered that childhood was gone.

Childhood will be remembered by each child whose life was changed by it as well as its family, adolescence, adulthood and the golden-years. Childhood's final wish was not to mourn it but to remember the memorable times together and to find little moments to experience it each day.



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