

JAMES BOND MOVIES

One of my foibles is enjoying James Bond Movies. They are good entertainment and should never be taken seriously. They are formulaic – one expects fights, car chases and crashes, imaginatively impossible stunts, explosions, and gadgets. The series has been going for more than 50 years for good reasons, one of which is that the movies change with the times (especially in the portrayal of women). Many of the gadgets in the early movies are now commonplace. The Daniel Craig versions are much more serious and much less frivolous, in keeping with the unfortunately more serious world since 9/11.

My favorite movies sorted by actor:

Sean Connery *Dr. No, From Russia with Love, Goldfinger* (tied);

Roger Moore *For Your Eyes Only, Octopussy* tied;

Timothy Dalton *The Living Daylights*;

Pierce Brosnan *Golden Eye*;

Daniel Craig *Casino Royale, Skyfall* tied.

Best Movie *Golden Eye*.

Best Music *Skyfall*.

Best Bond Girl Maude Adams (*Man With the Golden Gun, Octopussy*).

Best Chase Scene Russian tank driven by JB chasing the crooks in *Golden Eye*.

Worst Editing

- *Dr No*: Two car chase scenes have screeching tires on a gravel road.
- *From Russia With Love*: A pickup truck gets a blackened front fender from a hand grenade but later near a lake no such blackening appears.
- *Goldfinger*: In the golf course scenes, when JB hands Oddjob a golf ball Goldfinger is seen in the back seat. After Oddjob crushes the ball in his hand and drives off, Goldfinger is no longer in the back seat.