# 12 Of the Cheapest But Successful Films

While watching movies in the hall, do we think about the effort and money it took the makers to produce each film?

The attempt of making small budget movies at times seemed a bit too ambitious and ludicrous as many expensive films have failed badly over the past.

#### 12. My Big Fat Greek Wedding (2002)

Although the story is about a middle-aged failed woman, the highest grossing romantic comedy movies ever

- Produced with a 5.5 million dollar budget.
- more than 368 million dollars in the box office.

#### **12.** My Big Fat Greek Wedding (2002)



Budgets: 5.5 million.

Grossed: < 368 million dollars.

#### **11.** Juno (2007)

This film is about the story of a 16-year-old girl's pregnancy, and how she deals with it.

- the budget of only 7.5 million dollars.
- It ended up grossing more than 231 million dollars.

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Budgets: 7.5 million dollars. Grossing: < 231 million dollars.

#### **10.** Moon (2009)

Science Fiction Drama films is plotted in the year of 2035. Moon is a movie about a hallucinating astronaut. Before coming back to earth.

- -with a budget of only 5 million dollars.
- -it ended up grossing almost 10 million dollars.

#### **10.** Moon (2009)



Budgets: 5 million dollars.

Grossing: 10 million dollars.

#### **09.** Submarine (2010)

This movie is a brilliant show off, modern age comedy. The film is adapted from the novel Submarine. It is a drama showing teenage love and infatuation.

- -a budget of 1.5 million dollars.
- -lt grossed almost 9 million dollars worldwide.

#### **09.** Submarine (2010)



Budget: 1.5 million dollars.

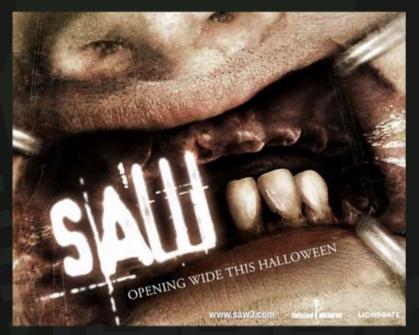
Grossed: 9 million dollars worldwide.

#### **08.** Saw (2004) - series to 2015

The story is about a brilliant and a retarded serial killer called Jigsaw. He traps two men in a bathroom and tells them to play a wicked game of survival.

- -it had the budget of only 1.2 million dollars.
- -It grossed more than 103 million dollars.

#### **08.** Saw (2004) - series to 2015



Budgets: 1.2 million dollars.

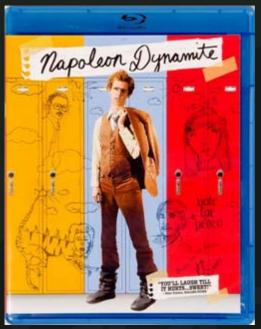
Grossed: < 103 million dollars.

#### **07.** Napoleon Dynamite (2004)

Napoleon Dynamite is a comedy film made on the life and activities of a socially awkward boy, Napoleon.

- -small budget of 400,000 US dollars.
- -It ended up grossing more than 46 million dollars.

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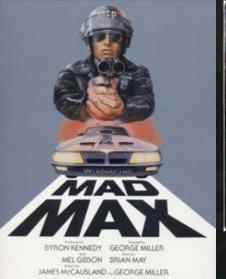


Budgets: 400,000 US dollars. Grossing: < 46 million dollars.

#### **06.** Mad Max (1979) - series to 2015

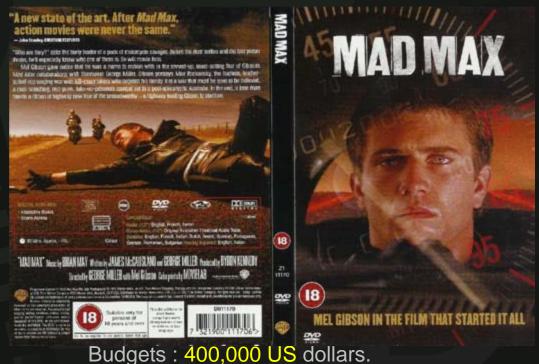
Mad Max is an Australian action film.

- -Made on a tight budget of 400,000 US dollars.
- -It has earned almost 9 million dollars.





#### **06.** Mad Max (1979) - series to 2015



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Grossing: 9 million dollars.

#### **05.** Catfish (2010)

There have been many films made on Internet uses. It is a film in the quasi-horror genre. It is made on a story based on betrayal and the misuse of social networks.

It was praised in The 2010 Sundance Film Festival

- -a budget of only 30k dollars.
- -It accumulated almost 3.5 million dollars in the box office.

#### **05.** Catfish (2010)



Budget: 30k US dollars,

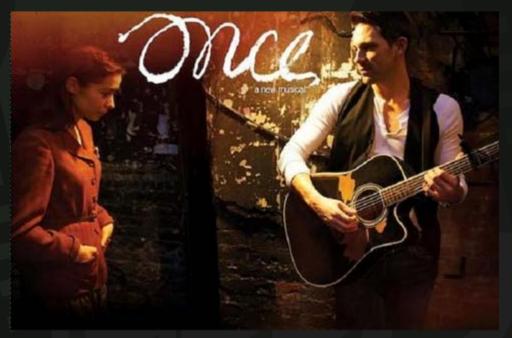
Grossed: < 3.5 million dollars.

#### **04.** Once (2007)

This Irish romantic musical is a love story between two strangers in Dublin.

- -a budget of only on 50,000 US dollars.
- -It has more than 20 million dollars.

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Budget: 50k US dollars,

Grossed: < 20 million dollars.

#### **03.** The Blaire Witch Project (1999)

The movie is about a group of students who got lost in the woods trying to shoot a documentary on a mythical Blair Witch.

- -A budget of only 60k Dollars.
- -It grossed more than 248 million dollars.



#### **03.** The Blaire Witch Project (1999)



Budget: 60k US dollars,

Grossed: < 248 million dollars.

#### **02.** Rocky (1976) - film series to 2015

This movie is a classic inspirational story of a young, uneducated club fighter. He uses his passion for fighting to reach the world of success. When Rocky Balboa entered the boxing ring, winning was not the main target.

- -A budget of only 1 million.
- -It grossed more than 225 million dollars.

#### **02.** Rocky (1976) - film series to 2015



Budge: 1 million.

Grossed: < 225 million dollars.

# O1. Paranormal Activity (2007)- film series to 2014

If you had 15k worth of US dollars in your hand, what would you do?

Oren Peli, a talented man who was the producer, director, writer and cinematographer of the movie had taken the idea of horror movies to a new level. The story line was common, but it was presented in a new format.

-It ended up grossing almost 197 million dollars.

#### **01.** Paranormal Activity (2007)

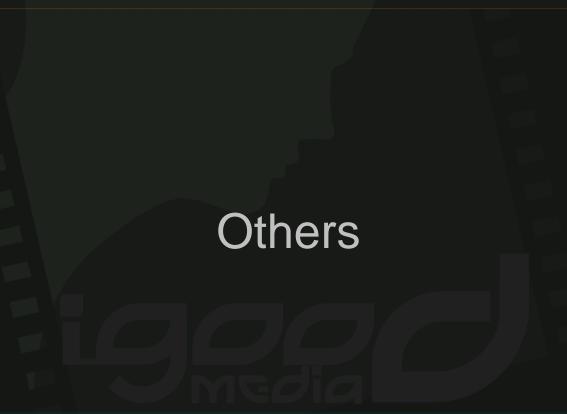


WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU SLEEP?

PARANORMAL

Budge: 15k.

Grossed: 197 million dollars.



# Following (1998)

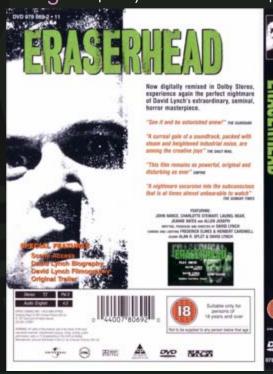
Budget: \$6,000 Gross: \$48,000

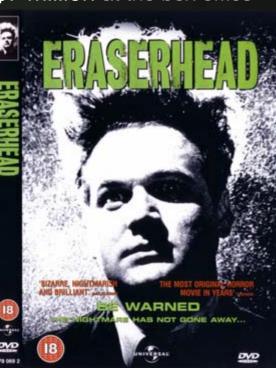




# Eraserhead (1977)

Budget: \$10,000 Gross: \$7 million at the box office





# Monsters (2010)

Budget: \$500,000 Gross: \$4 million



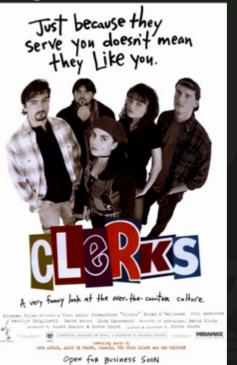
# Primer (2004)

Budget: \$7,000 Gross: \$400,000



# Clerks (1994)

Budget: \$15,000 Gross: \$3 million



# Halloween (1978)

Budget: \$320,000 Gross: \$60 million



# Super Size Me (2004)

Budget: \$65,000 Gross: \$29.5 million



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