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Orson Welles: A Turbulent and Brilliant Life

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Reading and Viewing recommendations:

Orson Welles Filmography

- *Hearts of Age* (1934 short) Available for viewing on YouTube
- *Too Much Johnson* (1938) Available for viewing on YouTube
- *Citizen Kane* (1941; Warner Home Video)
- *The Magnificent Ambersons* (1942; Warner Home Video)
- *The Stranger* (1946; Olive Films and The Criterion Collection)
- *Macbeth* (1948; Olive Films)
- *The Lady From Shanghai* (1948; Columbia Pictures)
- *Black Magic* (1949; uncredited director)
- *Othello* (1952; The Criterion Edition has restored both Welles-edited editions; avoid the 1992 version with altered soundtrack)
- *Mr. Arkadin* (1955; The Criterion Edition has all existing versions, including a new version prepared by archivists)
- *Touch of Evil* (1958; Universal Studios Home Entertainment; the 1998 edition has rearranged scenes and changes to the soundtrack)
- *The Trial* (1962; StudioCanal 2012 blu-ray edition; beware of poor “public domain” copies)
- *Chimes at Midnight/Falstaff* (1966; The Criterion Collection & HBOMax)
- *The Immortal Story* (1968; The Criterion Collection & HBOMax)
- *F for Fake* (1973; The Criterion Collection & HBOMax)
- *Filming “Othello”* (1978; available on the Criterion edition of *Othello*)
- *The Other Side of the Wind* (completed 2018; available through Netflix)

- *Orson Welles: The One-Man Band* (Oja Kodar documentary) contains scenes from unreleased and uncompleted Welles films; available on the *F For Fake* Criterion Edition two-disc set;
- *It's All True: Based on an Unfinished Film by Orson Welles* (1993 documentary) by Richard Wilson, Myron Meisel, and Bill Krohn
- *They'll Love Me When I'm Dead* (2018 documentary) by Morgan Neville (available through Netflix)

Recommended Reading

- *Young Orson: The Years of Luck and Genius on the Path to 'Citizen Kane'* (2015) by Patrick McGilligan
- *Orson Welles's Last Movie: The Making of The Other Side of the Wind* (2015) by Josh Karp
- *It's All True: Orson Welles's Pan-American Odyssey* (2007) by Catherine Benamou
- *Making Movies With Orson Welles: A Memoir* (2008) by Gary Graver
- *Discovering Orson Welles* (2007) by Jonathan Rosenbaum
- *What Ever Happened to Orson Welles?: A Portrait of An Independent Career* (2006) by Joseph McBride
- *Despite the System: Orson Welles Versus the Hollywood Studios* (2005) by Clinton Heylin
- *This is Orson Welles* (1998) by Orson Welles and Peter Bogdanovich
- *The Magnificent Ambersons: A Reconstruction* (1993) by Robert L. Carringer
- *Citizen Welles: A Biography of Orson Welles* (1989) by Frank Brady

Also see essays on the website: <http://www.wellesnet.com/>

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