

Laws of the Movies

Lola and I don't go to movies often. It's not that we don't like motion pictures, but it seems that time is limited, and, yes, we're pretty picky about what we choose to see.

But after years of movie-going, I can agree with a list of truisms (from an anonymous source) that always seem to be depicted on the big screen:

- All grocery shopping bags contain at least one stick of French bread.
- The ventilation system of any building is the perfect hiding place.
- The Eiffel Tower can be seen from any window in Paris.
- A man will show no pain while taking the most ferocious beating, but will wince when a woman tries to clean his wounds.
- Cars that crash will almost always burst into flames.
- Persons knocked unconscious by a blow to the head will never suffer a concussion or brain damage.
- You can always park directly outside the building you are visiting.
- Any lock can be picked by a credit card or a paper clip in seconds – unless it's the door to a burning building with a child trapped inside; then the door must be knocked down.
- All bombs are fitted with electronic timing devices with large red readouts so you know exactly when they will go off.
- Medieval peasants had perfect teeth.
- It is not necessary to say hello or goodbye when beginning or ending phone conversations.
- Any person waking from a nightmare will bolt upright and pant.
- It doesn't matter if you are heavily outnumbered in a fight involving martial arts; your enemies will wait to attack you one by one by dancing around in a threatening manner until you have knocked out their predecessors.

Well, as the Scripture says, a merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

– Beecher Hunter