

Movies & Languages Film Festival 2022-2023

Licorice Pizza

About the movie (in English with English subtitles)

DIRECTOR	Paul Thomas Anderson
YEAR/COUNTRY	2021/ USA
GENRE	Romance, Comedy
ACTORS	Alana Haim, Cooper Hoffman, Sean Penn, Tom Waits, Bradley Cooper, Benie Safdie



PLOT

1973 is the year when the film is set. It is the year of the first oil crisis; we are now living in the second one. At first glance it is a traditional movie where boy meets girl and because of their personalities and circumstances it takes them a while to get together. Paul Thomas Anderson plays the story out in such a funny way that it does not seem at all traditional and in doing so he provides a very informative picture of the social and political situation of the time, a time that shaped the world we are living in now. Other than the oil crisis, the film touches on the topics of women's liberation, LGBT rights, political spying/corruption, the wars in Vietnam and the Middle East, police violence, the age of consent, and more. In addition, it follows the crazy fashion trends and arrogant flashy TV and Hollywood worlds.

LANGUAGE

Very well written script that has a substantially amount of slang particularly related to the youth of the time.

VOCABULARY

Yearbook: a collection of photos of and information about the students in the 3rd and 4th year of an American High School	Sears: a national department store where you could order also from a catalogue, specializing in good quality standard things at a good price
What a creep!: what a strange irritating person!	The Monsters: a very popular TV show, similar to the Adams Family
Tasty Freeze: a National chain of soft ice cream that started in the 50's and still exists today	Herbie: a movie about a Volkswagen with human character



A slimy person: a disgusting or perverted person who isn't to be trusted	Attic: the part of the house under the roof
Vinal: a kind of plastic	Hec No!: absolutely not
Accentuate the positive, Eliminate the negative: a song played in the film which from the beginning of the 50's	To groove on that: to contemplate what a great thing something is
Groovy: fantastic, great	Inner spring: the round metal wire inside a mattress which gives it elasticity
Bestman: the man who accompanies the groom (the man who is getting married)	Hustlers: people who try to cheat you or convince you of someone; the man who accompanies and takes care of prostitutes
Song and Dance man: a man who participates in a musical; in slang, a man who will tell you a story to try to convince you even though the story may not be true	I'll pass the baton onto you: in a race made up of four people, a "baton" is the stick that one person passes to another. The expression is figurative and means when one person lets another person continue what they were doing
Creepy: very strange	Mikado: a Japanese restaurant
A mansion: a big house for rich people	Weird: very strange
The Merv Griffin Show: a national program where the host Merv Griffin interviewed interesting people	Head board: the part of a bed against the wall near your head
Cuisine: sophisticated food	The paper work: the bureaucratic work you have to do to complete something
Daring: an adjective that describes a person or something that requires bravery/courage	A cross to bear: this is an expression referring to the story of Christ, it means when someone continues to think and talk about something that has caused them suffering
Chaperone: a person who accompanies a minor (a person under 15)	Sidelines: the part of a playing field that is immediately outside the line where a sport is played
To do a baruch: to say the Hebrew pray before eating	To grit your teeth: to put your teeth together and prepare for something serious
You blew it!: it means you lost your chance or you made a mess of the situation	To fix bayonettes: to put your knives at the end of your rifles and prepare to charge the enemy
That's for squares: something that is for people who are too traditional, in other words, not cool	The Korean War: a war fought between North Korea and the U.S.A/South Korea from the late 1940's to 1953
Modern edge: something that has modern air about it	Dare devil: a person who does dangerous and incredible things to impress people
Your life is on the line: your life is at risk	Cronies: the people around you who benefit, like you do, from your position of power
Pinball: the game where you use flippers to launch a metal ball to score points	Talking about a revolution: this is a song in the movie; it was an emotion push for the youth movement of the 60's/70's
The elderly: old people	Give me a break: please stop doing/saying what you are doing/saying
To hang around: to stay around a given area for seemingly no reason	To drag this poor girl into it: to get this innocent girl involved in something that does not concern her



To paint the town red: to go out in the city to clubs and restaurants and have a great time	To be working toward something: to dedicate your energy to achieve something
To cool out: to calm down or to chill	To brag: to talk too highly of oneself

PEOPLE QUOTED

Sonny and Cher: the couple who sang and had TV program. <i>I've got You Babe</i> their song; it's played twice in the movie	Julie Andrews: she was the famous actress in the movies <i>Mary Poppins</i> and <i>the Sound of Music</i>
Barbara Streisand: a very famous singer and actress in the 60's/70's	Don Rickles: a famous comedian of the time

