

Oscar Trivia Answers

1. Anna Paquin - "The Piano".

Anna Paquin was one of the youngest Oscar winners. She was only ten years old when she won for her role as Flora McGrath in "The Piano". This was a film about a mother (Holly Hunter) and her daughter (Paquin) who moved to New Zealand in the 1850s with their prized piano. The mother had entered an arrangement to be married to a rich landowner.

2. Forrest Gump.

It won best visual effects along with five other Oscars. "Forrest Gump" was about a man named Forrest (Tom Hanks) with an IQ of 75. While he might not have been the brightest, he faced the many challenges of life, charming everyone he met. The stunning visual effects that were shown in this film included the majestic flow of the feather that represented his life moving from one challenge to another. Another example of the visual effects was the realistic battle scene where Forrest was fighting in Vietnam.

3. Morgan Freeman.

It was Morgan's first Oscar win. He won for "Million Dollar Baby", a movie about a poor woman named Maggie (Swank), trying to become a boxer with the help of her coach Frankie (Clint Eastwood) and his ex-boxer friend Eddie Scrap-Iron Dupris (Freeman). Morgan's role as Eddie was a deep emotional role showing Eddie's relationship with Frankie, Maggie, and his opinions and wisdom on boxing.

4. True

He was nominated for Best Actor in 2001, but lost to Russell Crowe for "Gladiator". "Cast Away" was a film about Chuck Noland, a man who was stranded on an island after a plane crash. His only hope was to survive by himself. Over the course of the movie he went a little delirious and formed a friendship with a volleyball he found. He named it Wilson.

5. Julia Roberts - "Erin Brockovich"

She won for her role as Erin in "Erin Brockovich" a film about a single mother who singlehandedly took down a power company that was polluting local water. Many say Ellen Burstyn was robbed for her role in "Requiem for a Dream". Kate Hudson wasn't nominated in that category.

6. Hattie McDaniel.

She won a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her role as Mammy in "Gone with the Wind", a film about a conniving woman and a roguish man carrying on a love affair and then marriage during the US Civil War. Halle, Whoopi, and Oprah are still amazing actors, nevertheless.

7. Kathy Bates - "Misery".

She won for her amazing role as Annie Wilks, a psychopathic, obsessed fan who held her favorite author hostage after a car crash. This film was best known for its scene where Annie (Bates) smashed Paul's (James Caan) leg with a sledgehammer so he could not escape his room.

8. Tatum O'Neal - "Paper Moon".

Just like Anna Paquin, Tatum was only ten years old when she won. She won for her role as Addie Loggins in "Paper Moon", a movie about Moses Pray (Ryan O'Neal), a man who scammed people for their money with the help of his young friend Addie (Tatum O'Neal).

9. True

He was first nominated for Best Actor in 2002 for his role as Muhammad Ali in "Ali" a film about the great boxer's life. Denzel Washington took the Oscar that year for "Training Day".

10. Bette Davis.

Hunter chose not to attend because of distance. She felt it was a long trip from New York, "just for radio". Bette Davis did indeed accept the award for Kim Hunter, because she was a great friend, and an amazing actress whom the Academy thought was fit to accept it for her.