

My Favorite Black and White Movie

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Trying to pick a favorite black and white movie turned out to be more difficult than I thought, mostly because too many came to mind. I finally decided the movie *To Kill a Mockingbird* with Gregory Peck and *High Noon* with Gary Cooper are two that I would never get tired of.

At one time, Gregory Peck belonged to four different studios. Hollywood had recognized a gold mine without having seen the movie he had just finished. Warner Brothers wanted Peck exclusively. David Selznick at RKO had passed him up when he was younger but now with the Peck fever growing, David wanted him back.

Gary Cooper also was an actor that kept them guessing. At times his face was stone cold, they wondered if he could act. One time they were filming him lying on the ground after an assumed accident from many different angles. Finally they shouted cut. Gary didn't move for some time until they realized that he was fast asleep. Too be continued.