



BIOETHICS AT THE BOX OFFICE: 2009-2010 EDITION

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CBHD often receives requests from educators and other individuals involved in engaging bioethics regarding popular resources (fiction, film, and television) that present materials relevant to bioethical discussions. In a two part series, we offer a recap of the past five years of relevant materials that have premiered on the silver screen. Readers are cautioned that the films represent a wide variety of genres and may not be appropriate for all audiences. Viewers are encouraged to read annotations/synopses available through such websites as www.movieweb.com or www.imdb.com.

CLINICAL ETHICS

My Sister's Keeper (Released 6/09, PG-13 for mature thematic content, some disturbing images, sensuality, language, and brief teen drinking)

CLONING

Moon (Released 7/10, R for language)

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

Avatar (Released 12/09, PG-13 for intense epic battle sequences and warfare, sensuality, language and some smoking)

Gamer (Released 10/09, R for frenetic sequences of strong brutal violence throughout, sexual content, nudity, and language)

Inception (Released 7/10, PG-13 for sequences of violence and action throughout)

Repo Men (Released 3/10, R for strong bloody violence, grisly images, language, and some sexuality/nudity)

Surrogates (Released 10/09, PG-13 for intense sequences of violence, disturbing images, language, sexuality, and a drug-related scene)

Terminator Salvation (Released 5/10, PG-13 for language and intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action)

END-OF-LIFE

Happy Tears (Released 2/10, R for language, drug use, and some sexual content including brief nudity)

GENETIC ETHICS

Avatar (Released 12/09, PG-13 for intense epic battle sequences and warfare, sensuality, language and some smoking)

Extraordinary Measures (Released 1/10, PG for thematic material, language, and a mild suggestive moment)

My Sister's Keeper (Released 6/09, PG-13 for mature thematic con-

tent, some disturbing images, sensuality, language, and brief teen drinking)

Splice (Released 6/10, R for disturbing elements including strong sexuality, nudity, sci-fi violence and language)

HEALTHCARE

Side Effects (Released 4/09, R)

HUMAN ENHANCEMENT

Youth Knows No Pain (Released 4/09, NR documentary)

NEUROETHICS

Inception (Released 7/10, PG-13 for sequences of violence and action throughout)

ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION

Repo Men (Released 3/10, R for strong bloody violence, grisly images, language, and some sexuality/nudity)

REPRODUCTIVE ETHICS

Misconception (Released 1/10, NR)

My Sister's Keeper (Released 6/09, PG-13 for mature thematic content, some disturbing images, sensuality, language, and brief teen drinking)

The Back-Up Plan (Released 4/10, PG-13 for sexual content including references, some crude material and language)

The Kids Are All Right (Released 7/10, R for strong sexual content, nudity, language, and some teen drug and alcohol use)

The Switch (Released 8/10, PG-13 for mature thematic content, sexual material including dialogue, some nudity, drug use, and language)

RESEARCH ETHICS

Autopsy (Released 1/09, R for strong bloody violence, grisly images, language and drug content)

Extraordinary Measures (Released 1/10, PG for thematic material, language, and a mild suggestive moment)

Gamer (Released 10/09, R for frenetic sequences of strong brutal violence throughout, sexual content, nudity, and language)

Shutter Island (Released 2/10, R for disturbing violent content, language, and some nudity)

Splice (Released 6/10, R for disturbing elements including strong sexuality, nudity, sci-fi violence and language)