

Friday five: Top 5 movies for when I get the 'mean reds'

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There are those movies that always bring you back to life. The ones we pop on when we're home sick (or recovering from being *thrown* from a horse) or once they come up during channel surfing on a rainy day, we just have to stop and watch.

They're our "go-to" movies.

We all have them. They're the ones that take us away from the messy house, gloomy day or whatever it is that's given us the "mean reds." We collect them and pull them out when we need them.

Since I've been home I've watched all of mine. Most are firmly in the "girl movie" category, but when I'm down, cute shoes, witty banter and George Peppard are what I need. Here they are in order of their perking-up effect—#5 being my all-time favorite.

- 1.) *Pride and Prejudice* (2005): Mr. Darcy? He cheers me up every time.
- 2.) *Waiting for Guffman*: Anything with Christopher Guest will do, but this is my favorite. "...just a Coke." Hilarious.
- 3.) *When Harry Met Sally*: Nora Ephron (the writer) is kind of like an idol to me. This is one of my favorite parts. "She look okay to me..."
- 4.) *My Favorite Year*: This is an obscure movie from the '80s. I like it because it's terribly funny and clever, but also because it reminds me of my brothers. We can recite this movie almost line-by-line. It was a family favorite and it always

chases away the mean reds.

Drum-roll....

5.) Breakfast at Tiffany's: There are so many wonderful things about this movie; the look of it, Holly's charm and complexity, Fred Baby, the last scene with cat... I've watched it four times since I've been home. I just want to crawl inside and live inside this movie.

Honorable Mentions: Amelie, Say Anything, Bridget Jones's Diary, The Muppet Movie (don't judge), Moonstruck, and naturally, His Girl Friday.