



The Power Of The Dog – Today's AFI Movie Club Pick

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Today's AFI Movie Club pick is the Benedict Cumberbatch-led, *The Power of the Dog*, written and directed by Jane Campion.



“[THE POWER OF THE DOG](#) looks to the hills for secrets unseen – and finds them in powerful, poetic images that transport audiences with a modern look back at the American West. This landmark work proves Jane Campion’s unparalleled ability to capture a world of breathless beauty and breathtaking brutality, both wrapped tight as a rope. This slow-burn tale is a brilliant exercise in suspense and release – masterfully manifested by a brilliant cast and an unforgettably complex performance by Benedict Cumberbatch.” -The American Film Institute, [AFI AWARDS 2021](#)

The Power of the Dog is based on Thomas Savage’s novel of the same name and is currently streaming on Netflix. In addition, Campion became the first woman ever nominated for an Academy Award for Best Director twice. Campion was previously nominated in 1993 for *The Piano*, for which she earned an Oscar for Best Screenplay. *The Power of the Dog* was recently showered with twelve Oscar nominations, including Cumberbatch as Best Actor and Campion for Screenwriting and Directing.

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