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IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT (1934) â?? AFI Movie Club Pick of the Day

Description

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Directed by AFI Life Achievement Award recipient Frank Capra and starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert â?? both of whom were enshrined among AFIâ??s greatest screen legends â?? IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT (1934) is an iconic screwball comedy thatâ??s appeared on no fewer than four of AFIâ??s lists of the greatest American films of all time â?? including among the top 10 funniest films ever to grace the silver screen.

Spoiled heiress Ellie Andrews (Colbert) escapes from her millionaire father Alexanderâ??s yacht when he kidnaps her after she elopes with and marries King Westley, a playboy aviator whom Andrews thinks is a fortune hunter. She boards a bus headed for New York and meets Peter Warne (Gable), a reporter who has just been fired. Despite their dislike for each other, the two manage to fulfill each otherâ??s needs and find redemption in their work and in their relationships. Streaming on Prime Video and YouTube.



The working title for this film was *Night Bus,* and it was to have starred Robert Montgomery, who was Frank Capraâ??s original choice for the part of Peter Warne. Montgomery was replaced by Clark Gable, who was borrowed from M-G-M, while Claudette Colbert was borrowed from Paramount. In Capraâ??s autobiography, he states that he variously sought Myrna Loy, Margaret Sullavan, Miriam Hopkins, and Constance Bennett for the role of Ellie Andrews before selecting Colbert.

In the five major categories, Best Picture, Best Direction, Best Screenplay, Best Actor, and Best Actress (Colbert was the first French-born actress to receive the honor). It was voted one of the ten best pictures of 1934 by the *FD* Poll of Critics and the National Board of Review, and on 20 Mar 1939, Gable and Colbert performed a radio version of it for the *Lux Radio Theater.*

Although many films are called â??remakesâ?• of *It Happened One Night* in modern sources, only 1956 musical *You Canâ??t Run Away from It,* produced at Columbia, directed by Dick Powell and starring Jack Lemmon and June Allyson, was based on the same short story and used the same screenplay (with adaptations) as the Capra film. *It Happened One Night* was ranked 46th on AFIâ??s 2007 100 Yearsâ?¦100 Moviesâ??10th Anniversary Edition list of the greatest American films, moving down from the 35th position it held on AFIâ??s 1997 list.

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