

Some will make you laugh and some will make you cry, while others will make your blood boil! HOOPLA (H) and Kanopy (K) have literally THOUSANDS of documentaries in a wide variety of subjects available in a single click. To narrow it down, here are my top 10 recommendations:

Amy (2015): Oscar Winner for Best Documentary Feature – archival footage and personal testimonials present an intimate portrait of the life and career of the late British singer/songwriter Amy Winehouse, who tragically succumbed to addiction at age 27. (H&K)

An Inconvenient Truth (2006): Oscar Winner for Best Documentary Feature - Filmmaker Davis Guggenheim follows Al Gore on the lecture circuit, as the former presidential candidate campaigns to raise public awareness of the dangers of global warming and calls for immediate action to curb its destructive effects on the environment. (H&K)

Best Boy (1979): Oscar Winner for Best Documentary Feature - Director Ira Wohl documents three years in the life of her cheerful, mentally handicapped 52-year-old cousin, Philip Wohl, whose elderly parents have recently started to prepare him for the day when they can no longer be his caretakers. Ira follows Philly as he travels from his apartment in Queens into Manhattan, where he takes classes to learn to care for himself. Slowly, Philly begins to learn the ways of the world and becomes more self-reliant and independent. (K)

Bill Cunningham: New York (2010): A profile of the noted and extraordinarily cheerful veteran New York City fashion photographer. (K)

Born Into Brothels: Calcutta's Red Light Kids (2004): Oscar Winner for Best Documentary Feature - Two documentary filmmakers chronicle their time in Sonagchi, Calcutta and the relationships they developed with children of prostitutes who work the city's notorious red light district. (H)

Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room (2005): Oscar nominated documentary about the Enron corporation, its faulty and corrupt business practices, and how they led to its fall. (H)

Ex Libris: New York Public Library (2017): In the past it was nearly impossible to see a Fred Wiseman film unless you caught it at an obscure art house cinema or on public television at 4 am. Kanopy now has several of Wiseman's classics including *Ex Libris*, which takes the audience within the walls of the New York Public Library. (K)

Let's Get Lost (1988): Oscar nominated documentary on the life of jazz trumpeter and drug addict Chet Baker. Fascinating series of interviews with friends, family, associates and lovers, interspersed with film from Baker's earlier life and some modern-day performances – directed by the legendary photographer Bruce Weber. (H)

Vito (2011): The story of Vito Russo, founding father of the gay liberation movement, author of "The Celluloid Closet," and vociferous AIDS activist in the 1980s. (K)

Woodstock: 3 Days That Changed Everything (2019): a look into the famous music festival that made history. (K)