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All About Eve

A brilliantly cynical backstage look at life in the theatre, *All About Eve* is a sophisticated movie gem that has become a cult classic since its debut in 1950. With a sparklingly witty script written and directed by Joseph Mankiewicz, *All About Eve* hinges on a consummate Bette Davis performance. Playing aging Broadway star Margo Channing, Davis is perfect as the vain, vulnerable, and vicious older actress, while delivering such oft-quoted epigrams as "Fasten your seat belts, it's going to be a bumpy night." When aspiring young actress Eve Harrington, played by Anne Baxter, conspires to take over both Margo Channing's part and her man, an all-out battle ensues between the two women. Co-starring George Sanders, Celeste Holm, Thelma Ritter, and featuring a very young Marilyn Monroe, *All About Eve* won six Oscars, including Best Picture and Best Director. *All About Eve* is the cinematic epitome of Hollywood wit and sophistication.

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