

MeierMovies Rating Scale

My rating system is unique in its use of quarter-stars. Though every quarter-star increment indicates a difference, that difference is quite small. You have to get up to half-star or three-quarter-star differences before you see a real separation of quality between movies. To simplify matters, you might just think of movies in the 4-5 range as great, those in the 3-4 range as good or very good, the ones in the 2-3 range as average, those in the 1-2 range as bad and the films below 1 as awful.

It might also be useful to know how this system translates to others. *The Orlando Weekly* uses the same scale as I do, with half-stars instead of quarter-stars. It's tough to compare numbers to letters, but I've tried to do that here. (A grade of C is often the dividing line between thumbs-up and thumbs-down, though a C grade in school is considered a passing grade. Therein lies the fault of a letter-grade system.) Also note that Rotten Tomatoes considers anything less than 60 percent a thumbs-down. (To be consistent with that system, I have occasionally rounded 2 ¾ stars up to 3 stars before publishing a review. And in late 2019, I adjusted my system to bring it more in line with RT, making 2 ½ stars a thumbs-down. I retroactively adjusted all my older reviews to adhere to that change.)

<u>MeierMovies</u> <u>(0-5 with</u> <u>quarter-stars)</u>	<u>Orlando Weekly</u> <u>(0-5 with half-stars)</u>	<u>1-5 stars</u> <u>(with half-stars)</u>	<u>0-5</u> <u>with no half-stars</u>	<u>1-4 stars</u> <u>with half-stars</u>	<u>0-4 stars</u> <u>with half-stars</u>	<u>Letter</u> <u>Grades</u>
See it in heaven						
5 (masterpieces)	5	5	5	4	4	A+
4 ¾ (masterpieces)	5	5	5	4	4	A+
4 ½ (great)	4 ½	4 ½	5	4	3 ½	A
4 ¼ (great)	4 ½	4 ½	4	3 ½	3 ½	A
See it now						
4 (very good)	4	4	4	3 ½	3 ½ or 3	A-
3 ¾ (very good)	4	4	4	3 ½	3	B+
3 ½ (good)	3 ½	3 ½	3 or 4	3	3	B
3 ¼ (good)	3 ½	3 ½	3	3	3 or 2 ½	B
See it someday						
3 (above average)	3	3 ½	3	3	2 ½	B-
2 ¾ (slightly above average)	3	3 ½	3	2 ½	2 ½	C+
↑THUMBS UP						
↓THUMBS DOWN						
See it at your own risk						
2 ½ (average)	2 ½	3	2 or 3	2 ½	2	C
2 ¼ (slightly below average)	2	3	2	2 ½	2	C
2 (below average)	2	2 ½	2	2	2	C-
1 ¾ (below average)	2	2 ½	2	2	1 ½	D+
Don't see it						
1 ½ (bad)	1 ½	2 ½	1 or 2	2	1 ½	D
1 ¼ (bad)	1 ½	2	1	1 ½	1	D
1 (very bad)	1	2	1	1 ½	1	D-
¾ (very bad)	1	1 ½	1	1 ½	½	F
See it in hell						
½ (bombs)	½	1 ½	0	1	½	F
¼ (bombs)	½	1	0	1	0	F
0 (Super Turkeys)	0	1	0	1	0	F