



THE GRADUATE

Autumn
Season
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Release: 1967

Cert (UK): 12A

Country: USA

Language: English

Runtime: 1 hour 41 mins

Director: Mike Nichols

Writer: Calder Willingham, Buck Henry

Cinematographer: Robert Surtees

Cast: Dustin Hoffman, Anne Bancroft, Katharine Ross



One of the classic 1960s films, it tells the story of Ben (Dustin Hoffman) who finishes college with no plans and is first famously seduced by Mrs Robinson (Ann Bancroft) before falling for her daughter Elaine (Katherine Ross). The film made Dustin Hoffman

famous.

The coming of age story is played out to the sound of Simon and Garfunkel songs; originally used as a 'pacing device' for the editing, director Mike Nichols decided to keep the songs in the final film and asked for three more – one of these was to become 'Mrs Robinson'...

This was only Mike Nichols second film (after '*Who's afraid of Virginia Wolf?*'). Although he went on to receive many nominations throughout his career, this was the only film he won the Oscar for. Wikipedia also claim this is the only film to date that has won the Oscar for Best Director, without winning any further Oscar awards.

The film was selected for preservation in 1996 in the U.S. National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being '*culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant*', and placed #21 on the list of highest-grossing films in the United States and Canada, adjusted for inflation.

