

"Malcolm X" (1992)

"In many ways, "Malcolm X" was the film that broke Spike Lee. With five films under his belt, Lee was ready to finally tackle the biggest project of his life, the story of the slain civil rights leader who was a controversial as he was magnetic. Filling those shoes would be Denzel Washington, who shined for Lee just two years' prior in "Mo' Better Blues." With little help from releasing studio Warner Bros., Lee had to rely on help from a wide variety of black celebrities, including Michael Jordan and Oprah Winfrey to secure the funds to complete the film. The end result is a true epic to be proud of, but outside of his documentaries, Lee would never soar so high ever again."

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