



Oscar-Winning Hughes Biopic Zooms Onto DVD

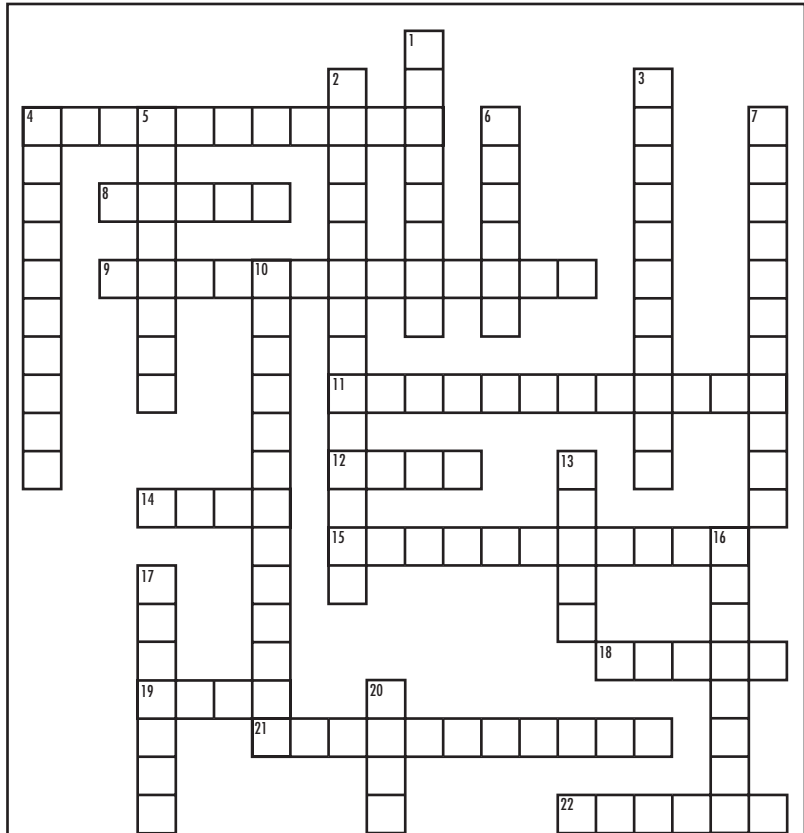
(NAPSA)—If you’ve a taste for high-flying adventure and a peek into the romance of old Hollywood, there may be no better film than *The Aviator*, the most honored film at the 2005 Academy Awards.

From 5-time Academy Award-nominated Director Martin Scorsese and featuring an all-star cast including Leonardo DiCaprio, Alan Alda, Kate Beckinsale, John C. Reilly and Oscar winner Cate Blanchett, *The Aviator* looks into the most prolific period in the life of billionaire Howard Hughes—maverick aviation pioneer, film producer, inventor, and many say, irresistible ladies’ man.

Having already made a fortune improving the design of oil-drilling bits, Hughes, a 20-something millionaire, came to Hollywood with an interest in getting into the picture business. His first major film project took three years to complete thanks to the shift from silent to sound filming and Hughes’ relentless perfectionism. However, the film was a massive hit, and the eccentric inventor became a mogul in Hollywood. However, his passion for flying began to reclaim his attentions as he began designing new planes, setting air speed records, flying around the world, and risking his life testing aircraft. As his ideas became bolder, his approach became more eccentric, and he gained many powerful enemies.

This epic film has been called “brilliantly entertaining” and “a rip-roaringly gorgeous-looking, beautifully acted biographical epic.” It soars onto Warner Home Video DVD on May 24. The two-disc DVD set is filled with inspiring extras, including twelve featurettes and commentary from Scorsese, and more.

See what you know about “The Aviator,” its cast, crew and awards with this crossword puzzle.



Across

- 4 Person with beaucoup bucks, like Howard
- 8 Nominated screenwriter
- 9 Oscar winner as Kate Hepburn (2 wds.)
- 11 The film won three of these HFPA awards (2 wds.)
- 12 He played Sen. Brewster
- 14 He played Errol
- 18 The movie Howard made (2 wds.)
- 19 Number of Oscar wins
- 21 16 Down’s longtime film editor
- 22 The film appeared on 32 of these year-end lists (2 wds.)

Down

- 1 Howard’s business manager, played by John C. Reilly
- 2 What Robert Richardson won his Oscar for
- 3 Nickname for Hughes’ infamous aircraft (2 wds.)
- 4 She played Ava Gardner
- 5 He played Howard
- 6 Number of Oscar nominations
- 7 Third generation actor who played Jack Frye (2 wds.)
- 10 The DVD contains plenty of these
- 13 Juan Trippe headed this airline (2 wds.)
- 16 The man behind the camera
- 17 Made her debut as Harlow (2 wds.)
- 20 He played Prof. Fitz