50 Documentaries to See Before You Die

In movies, the director is God. In documentaries, God is the director. – Alfred Hitchcock

(PR) = Personal Recommendation

1. (PR) Hoop Dreams (Basketball in the city)

2. (PR) The Thin Blue Line (Murder of a police officer)

3. \*\*\*\*\*\*Roger and Me (The demise of GM in Flint, MI)\*\*\*\*\* NOPE!!

4. Waltz with Bashir (Memories of War)

5. \*\*\*\*\*\*Super Size Me (Fast Food) \*\*\*\*\*NOPE!!!!

6. The War Room (Electing Bill Clinton)

7. The Celluloid Closet (Gays in Film)

8. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*An Inconvenient Truth (Environmental Issues) \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* NOPE!!!

9. Trouble the Water (Katrina Hurricane)

10. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Grizzly Man (Naturalist) \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*NOPE !!! \*

11. Paris is Burning (Drag Scene in 1980s NY)

12. (PR) Bowling for Columbine (Gun control)

13. The Fog of War (Viet Nam)

14. (PR) Dark Days (Tunnels under NYC)

15. (PR) Crumb (Graphic Artist)

16 Bus 174 (Profile of a criminal)

17. Street Fight (Politics in a violent city)

18. (PR) Food, Inc (Manufacturing of food)

19. Touching the Void (Climbing in the Andes)

20. (PR) Capturing the Friedmans (Revisiting a story on child sexual abuse)

21. (PR) Exit Through the Gift Shop (Street Art)

22. Shut Up & Sing (Fallout of the Dixie Chicks)

23. The Eyes of Tammy Faye (After the Tammy Faye Baker scandal)

24. Paradise Lost (Teenager Murder Case)

25. Enron: The Smartest Men in the Room (Enron Scandal)

26. \*\*\*\*\*\*Murderball (Quadriplegic wheelchair rugby) \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* NOPE!!

27. Tarnation (Growing up with a schizophrenic parent)

28. Gasland (Natural gas drilling)

29. Man on Wire (Phillipe Petit)

30. (PR) Fahrenheit 9/11 (examining the 1st term of George W. Bush)

31. (PR) Jesus Camp (Religious extremism)

32. (PR) Dogtown and Z-Boys (Skateboarding origins)

33. Tongues Untied (African American gay men)

34. (PR) Brother’s Keeper (Small town murder)

35. (PR) Paragraph 175 (Gays & Lesbians in WWII Germany)

36. Taxi to the Dark Side (Torture by US Miliatry)

37. Inside Job (The banking crisis)

38. \*\*\*\*March of the Penguins \*\*\*\*NOPE!!!

39. Biggie and Tupac (Unsolved murders of rappers)

40. When We Were Kings (Muhammed Ali vs . George Foreman)

41. (PR) The King of Kong (Arcade Games)

42. (PR) Catfish (Social Networking/Dating)

43. (PR) When the Levee Breaks (Katrina)

44. Burma VJ (Politics in Burma)

45. The Decline of Western Civilization, Part II (80s Metal Scene)

46. Little Dieter Needs to Fly (Vietnam POW, Werner Herzog)

47. (PR) One Day in September (Terrorists at the Olympics in 72)

48. (PR) The Kid Stays in the Picture (The Business of Hollywood)

49. Truth and Dare (Madonna)

50. (PR) Spellbound (Spelling Bees)