

**SOUR GRAPES**  
**--A Critical Review of the Market Community**

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**Week of April 28, 2008**  
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Film Review of:  
***Schindler's List***  
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**SCHINDLER'S LIST**

**(1993)**

***A film by Steven Spielberg. Screenplay adapted by Steven Zaillian from the book by Thomas Keneally.***

***Review by Paul Lambrecht.***

Much in the tradition of other war-themed comedies like *Stripes*, *Full Metal Jacket*, and *The Deer Hunter*, this larkadaisical summer blockbuster spoofs Poland under Nazi Occupation during the rollout of the Second World War. Though unconventionally released during the 1993 Holiday season, this popcorn-friendly romp consistently kills with well-timed laughs, especially in scenes featuring the irascible heavy Amon Goeth, a forced labor camp commandant played completely tongue-in-cheek by Ralph Fiennes. The film deals with the rise in fortunes of a shrewd industrialist Oskar Schindler, who combined with his clever accountant Itzhak Stern, woodenly acted by Ben Kingsley, proves a persistent thorn in the side of the Nazi hierarchy.

It had been some years since I watched this outrageous side-splitter, but having again spent an enjoyable evening with it recently, I came away with the nagging suspicion that some scenes may have been intended to be dark and even troubling. But maybe that's just me. I am a tad sensitive.