

Shadow  
Of A  
Doubt  
(1943):  
Intro





- **A serial murderer in hiding is discovered by his own niece...**

# Origins: Director Alfred Hitchcock

- The most famous director of his time, and probably the second-most famous director of all time, Hitchcock was known as The Master Of Suspense.



# Early Career



- Born in England, Hitchcock started as an art director. By the late 1920's, he was directing films.

By the 1930's, Hitchcock was the most famous director in England.



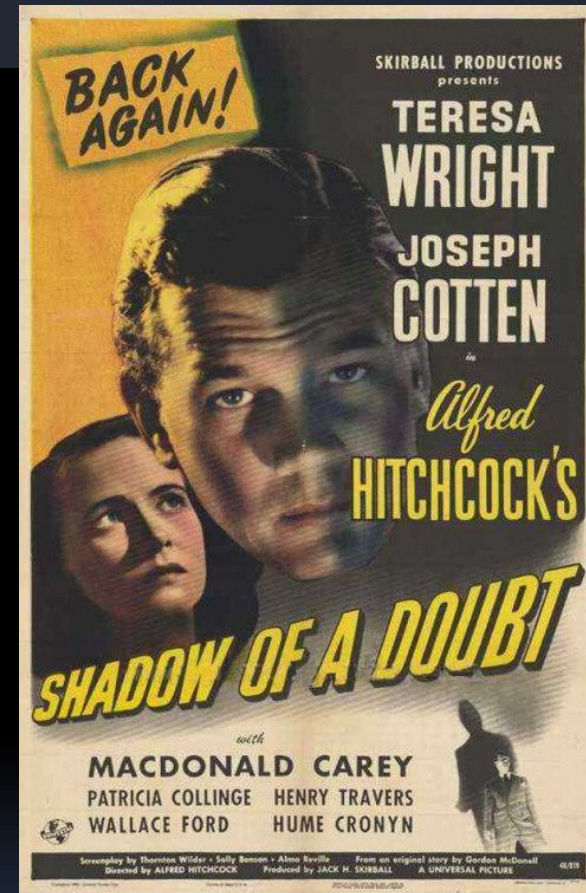
# Coming to America: 1939



- Hollywood studio chief David O. Selznick signed up Hitchcock amid much fanfare. The two men ended up hating each other.

Hitchcock's films, however, were hits.

Rebecca (1940) was Best Picture



Shadow of a Doubt (1943) was made while on loan to Universal.

Freed of Selznick, in the 1950's, Hitchcock went on a tear.





He ended up hosting his own TV show, Alfred Hitchcock Presents



- In real life, Hitchcock was a bizarre man, obsessed with death and toilets. On TV, his dry gallows humor worked perfectly, making him a household name.

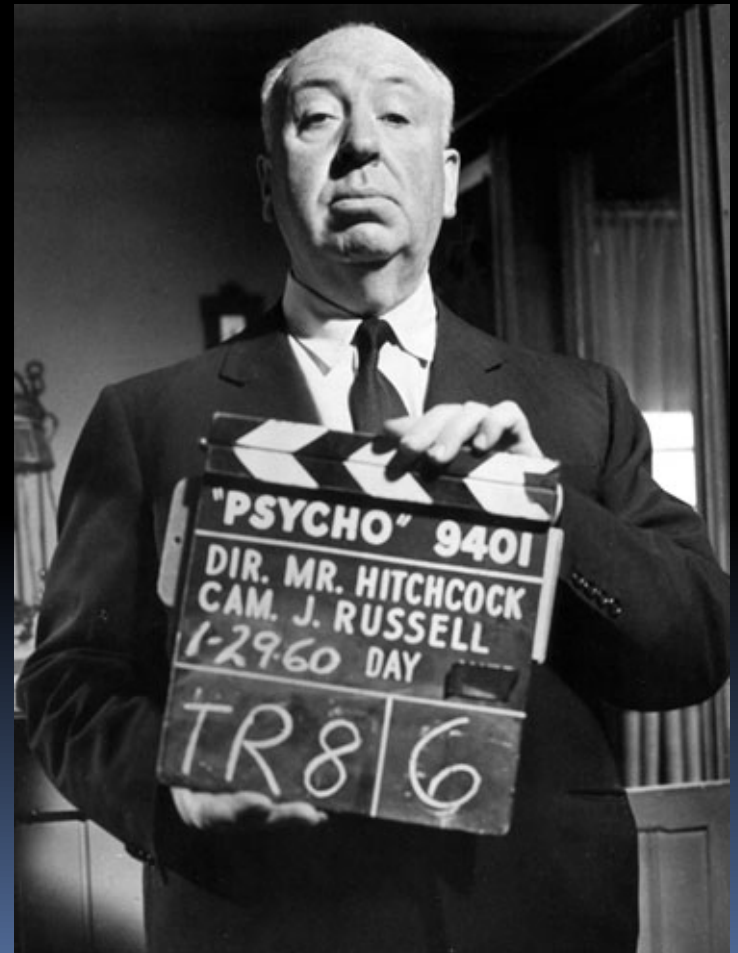
# North By Northwest (1959)



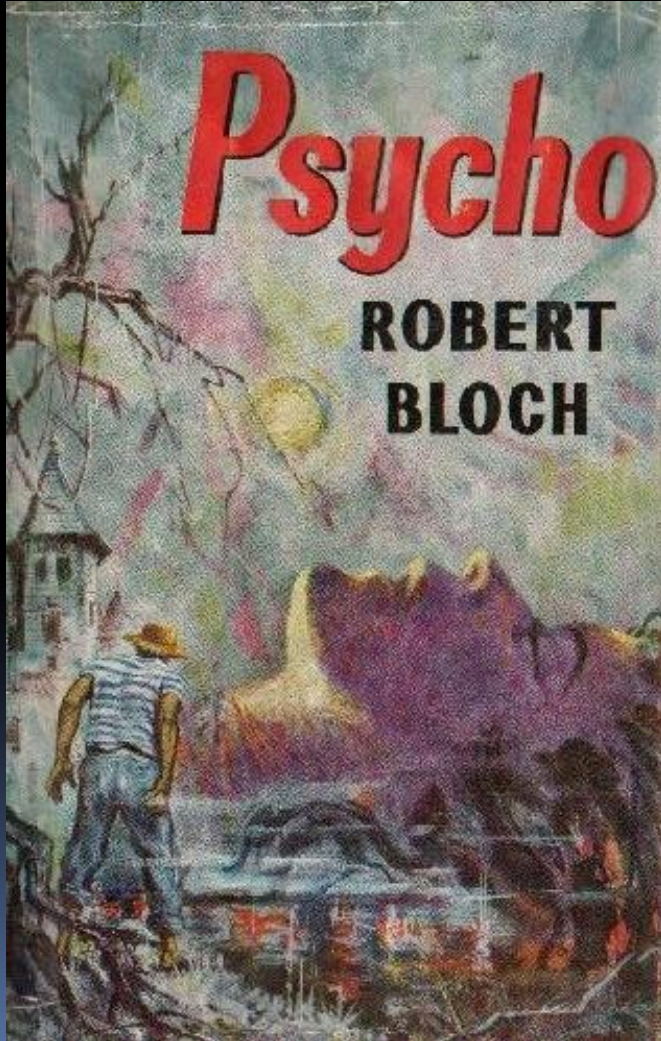
- Costing 4 million dollars (29 million today), North By Northwest was a big hit...but it also made Hitchcock mad. *Movies shouldn't cost this much...*

Intending to prove a point, Hitchcock wanted to shoot his next film on the cheap.

- He further insulted Hollywood by announcing that he intended to use the crew from his television show to shoot the film.



# The subject: Robert Bloch's novel Psycho (1959)



- Psycho became Hitch's most famous film.

# Shadow Of A Doubt features all elements of the Master

- Hitch liked to show the dark side of normalcy
- He also liked to bring the unexpected into every day life
- The idea of someone having a secret appears in his work as well



# The Cast: Theresa Wright as Charlotte (“Charlie”)



- 24 year-old Wright had just won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress
- She had a very solid career playing All-American women

# Joseph Cotton as Uncle Charlie



- 39 year-old Cotton had been a hit in Citizen Kane in 1941
- When he broke from Orson Welles' Mercury Theater, his career took off

# Macdonald Carey as Det. Graham

- Carey went on to have a long career on TV soap operas





# Henry Travers and Patricia Collinge

- Uncle Charlie's sister and brother-in-law, oblivious to what Charlie is...





- Hume Cronyn as Herb, Joe's weird friend, obsessed with murder mysteries.

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- Finally, she has to get this man OUT.

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- Uncle Charlie isn't in any hurry to go...



# Shadow Of A Doubt is next..

