

# American Fiction (film)

***American Fiction*** is a 2023 American comedy-drama film written and directed by Cord Jefferson in his feature directorial debut. Based on the 2001 novel *Erasure* by Percival Everett, it follows a frustrated novelist-professor who writes an outlandish satire of stereotypical "Black" books, only for it to be mistaken for serious literature and published to high sales and critical praise. It stars Jeffrey Wright, Tracee Ellis Ross, Issa Rae, Sterling K. Brown, John Ortiz, Erika Alexander, Leslie Uggams, Adam Brody and Keith David.

It premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival on September 8, 2023, where it won the People's Choice Award. It received a limited theatrical release by Amazon MGM Studios on December 15, 2023, with an expansion on December 22, 2023.

It grossed \$23 million and received numerous accolades. It was named one of the top 10 films of 2023 by the American Film Institute. It also received five nominations at the 96th Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Actor for Wright; with Jefferson winning Best Adapted Screenplay.

## Plot

Thelonious "Monk" Ellison is a highly intelligent African-American upper-class writer and professor in Los Angeles. While his novels receive academic praise, they sell poorly, and publishers reject his latest manuscript for not being "Black enough". His university places him on temporary leave due to his brashness with students over racial issues and suggests he attend a literary seminar and spend time with family in his hometown of Boston. At the seminar, his panel is poorly attended, in contrast to a packed room for an interview with Sintara Golden, whose bestselling novel *We's Lives in Da Ghetto* panders to Black stereotypes.

In Boston, Monk has dinner with his mother Agnes, who has Alzheimer's disease, and sister Lisa, a physician. Later, while having drinks with Monk, Lisa suffers a fatal heart attack. Their estranged brother, Cliff, a plastic surgeon, attends Lisa's funeral. Cliff is divorced after his wife caught him having sex

### American Fiction



Theatrical release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	<u>Cord Jefferson</u>
<b>Screenplay by</b>	Cord Jefferson
<b>Based on</b>	<i>Erasure</i> by <u>Percival Everett</u>
<b>Produced by</b>	<u>Ben LeClair</u> <u>Nikos Karamigios</u> Cord Jefferson Jermaine Johnson
<b>Starring</b>	<u>Jeffrey Wright</u> <u>Tracee Ellis Ross</u> <u>John Ortiz</u> <u>Erika Alexander</u> <u>Leslie Uggams</u> <u>Adam Brody</u> <u>Issa Rae</u> <u>Sterling K. Brown</u>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<u>Cristina Dunlap</u>
<b>Edited by</b>	<u>Hilda Rasula</u>
<b>Music by</b>	<u>Laura Karpman</u>

with a man; he now engages in frequent drug use and casual sex. Monk meets and starts dating Coraline, a lawyer living across the street from his mother's beach house.

Frustrated by Sintara's success and the costs of care for his mother, Monk writes *My Pafology*, a satirical novel mocking the literary stereotypes expected from Black writers: melodramatic plots, deadbeat dads, gang violence, and drugs. After submitting it to publishers out of contempt, he is shocked to be offered a \$750,000 advance, and his agent Arthur convinces him to adopt the persona of convict on the run "Stagg R. Leigh". As "Stagg", Monk is offered a movie deal from a producer, Wiley. In response to publishing executives' insulting comments, Monk tries to sabotage the deal by demanding the title be changed to *Fuck*; the executives agree. Monk is invited to help judge the New England Book Association's Literary Award as part of a "diversity push", and he reluctantly accepts. A fellow judge is Sintara, and Monk learns that she shares many of his views.

Agnes moves into an expensive assisted-living facility, but adapts poorly. Cliff briefly returns to Boston, but leaves after Agnes makes a homophobic remark. *Fuck* becomes a bestseller. Coraline, Cliff, and the public remain unaware that "Stagg" is Monk, and the FBI contacts the publisher, believing Stagg is a fugitive, as he claimed in interviews.

Monk's publisher submits *Fuck* for the Literary Award, forcing him to judge his own novel. Monk learns that Coraline enjoyed reading *Fuck*; they argue and break up. The panel's white judges rave over *Fuck*, though Sintara calls it "pandering". Monk agrees, but later argues that Sintara's book is "trauma porn" and inauthentic to her African-American middle-class background. Sintara argues that she researched her book by interviewing voiceless people, was "giving the market what it wants", and that it is not her fault if white readers formed stereotypes from her book.

On family housekeeper Lorraine's wedding day, Monk finds Cliff living in Agnes's beach house with two other men, but Lorraine is happy to have him attend the wedding. At the reception, Monk and Cliff discuss the impact of their father's suicide, and Cliff encourages Monk to let people "love all of him".

At the awards ceremony, *Fuck* is announced as the winner. Monk goes onstage and says he has a confession to make. The film cuts to black, and the events shown are revealed to have been Monk's screenplay based on his experiences, written for Wiley's production company as an alternative to the *Fuck* film adaptation. Monk has not revealed his identity to the public and is still separated from Coraline. Wiley likes the screenplay but asks Monk to change the ambiguous ending.

Monk proposes an ending with him running away from the ceremony to apologize to Coraline, but Wiley says it feels too much like a romantic comedy. Monk then suggests one where police, believing Monk to be a wanted criminal holding a gun, fatally shoot him at the ceremony. Much to Monk's dismay, Wiley, who is

Production companies	MRC
	T-Street
	Almost Infinite
Distributed by	3 Arts
	Entertainment
	Orion Pictures (through Amazon MGM Studios)
Release dates	September 8, 2023 (TIFF)
	December 15, 2023 (United States)
Running time	117 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$10 million <sup>[2]</sup>
Box office	\$23 million <sup>[3][4]</sup>

also filming a blaxploitation film called *Plantation Annihilation*, loves it, and the film moves into production. Monk drives away with Cliff after he and one of Wiley's actors, playing a slave, acknowledge each other.

## Cast

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**Top row:** (left to right) Jeffrey Wright, Tracee Ellis Ross, John Ortiz and Erika Alexander  
**Bottom row:** (left to right) Leslie Uggams, Issa Rae, Sterling K. Brown and Adam Brody

- Jeffrey Wright as Dr. Thelonious "Monk" Ellison
- Tracee Ellis Ross as Dr. Lisa Ellison
- Issa Rae as Sintara Golden
- Sterling K. Brown as Dr. Clifford "Cliff" Ellison
- John Ortiz as Arthur
- Erika Alexander as Coraline
- Leslie Uggams as Agnes Ellison
- Adam Brody as Wiley Valdespino
- Keith David as Willy the Wonker
- Okieriete Onaodowan as Van Go Jenkins
- Myra Lucretia Taylor as Lorraine
- Raymond Anthony Thomas as Maynard
- Miriam Shor as Paula Baderman
- Michael Cyril Creighton as John Bosco
- Patrick Fischler as Mandel
- Neal Lerner as Wilson Harnet
- J. C. MacKenzie as Carl Brunt
- Jenn Harris as Aileen Hoover
- Bates Wilder as Jon Daniel Sigmarsen
- Ryan Richard Doyle as Ned
- Skyler Wright as Brittany

## Production

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On November 10, 2022, it was reported that [Jeffrey Wright](#) was cast in the untitled film, based on the novel *Erasure* by [Percival Everett](#). [Cord Jefferson](#) would adapt the novel and direct in his directorial debut.<sup>[5][6]</sup> [T-Street Productions](#) and [MRC Film](#) are producing the film. On December 2, 2022, it was announced that [Tracee Ellis Ross](#) will also star in film with [Erika Alexander](#), [Leslie Uggams](#), [Sterling K. Brown](#), [Myra Lucretia Taylor](#), [John Ortiz](#), [Issa Rae](#), and [Adam Brody](#) also cast.<sup>[7]</sup> The film wrapped production in Boston in early December, with [COVID-19 safety precautions](#) used on set.<sup>[8]</sup> That month, [MGM's Orion Pictures](#) acquired the film's worldwide distribution rights.<sup>[9]</sup> In July 2023, with the announcement of its world premiere, the film's title was reported to be *American Fiction*.<sup>[10]</sup> It is the first film from Orion to be distributed through [Amazon MGM Studios Distribution](#).<sup>[11]</sup>

## Music

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## Release

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*American Fiction* premiered at the [Toronto International Film Festival](#) on September 8, 2023, where it won the [People's Choice Award](#).<sup>[10][12]</sup> This was followed by a run in the festival circuit, culminating in its United States premiere at the [Samuel Goldwyn Theater](#) in Los Angeles on December 5, 2023.<sup>[13]</sup> It had a [limited theatrical release](#) in the United States on December 15, 2023, with an expansion the following week (December 22, 2023).<sup>[14]</sup> The film was initially set for a November 3, 2023 release date before changing to its current date.<sup>[15]</sup> The film was released in the United Kingdom and Ireland by [Curzon Film](#) on February 2, 2024.<sup>[16]</sup>

The film was released for [digital platforms](#) on February 6, 2024.<sup>[17]</sup>

## Reception

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### Box office

As of March 13, 2024, *American Fiction* has grossed \$21.1 million in the United States and Canada, and \$1.9 million in other territories, for a total worldwide gross of \$23 million.<sup>[3][4]</sup>

The film made \$229,000 from seven theaters in its opening weekend, a per-venue average of \$32,400.<sup>[18]</sup> Following its five Oscar nominations, the film expanded from 852 theaters to 1,702 in its 7th week of release and made \$2.9 million, an increase of 65% from the previous weekend, and a running total of \$11.8 million.<sup>[19]</sup> The following weekend it made \$2.4 million.<sup>[20]</sup>

### Critical response

On the [review aggregator](#) website [Rotten Tomatoes](#), 93% of 284 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 8.2/10. The website's consensus reads: "Jeffrey Wright and *American Fiction* will forever be inextricable thanks to the actor's committed approach to the pointedly humorous and insightful material."<sup>[21]</sup> [Metacritic](#), which uses a [weighted average](#), assigned the film a score of 81 out of 100, based on 54 critics, indicating "universal acclaim".<sup>[22]</sup> Audiences polled by [PostTrak](#) gave the film a 90% positive score, with 83% saying they would definitely recommend it.<sup>[18]</sup>

In her review for *The Hollywood Reporter*, Lovia Gyarke wrote that "*American Fiction* is smart and, thanks to its fine cast, has genuine heart", commending Wright's "subtle physicality ... that contributes depth to his character", as well as "Uggams' increasingly somber performance as Agnes and Brown's delightful comedic turn".<sup>[23]</sup> Peter Debruge for *Variety*, applauded Jefferson's writing prowess, likening him to Flannery O'Connor and Toni Morrison, whose works were both referenced in the film. To Debruge, Jefferson "trusts his audience to bring themselves to the material", which is "what makes reading *American Fiction* so rewarding."<sup>[24]</sup> Peyton Robinson writing for *RogerEbert.com* highlighted Jefferson's writing as the key takeaway from this film, stating that his "attentive lens" to the film's "concept and themes is what will be remembered". Robinson goes on to identify the distinguishable legacy within the script, emphasizing Jefferson's "sharply pointed finger at the many institutional factors that keep [Black art], and its creators, restrained."<sup>[25]</sup>

Sarah Lyall of *The New York Times* covered Jeffrey Wright in a feature about his career and his role in *American Fiction*, claiming that Wright's "exquisitely calibrated" performance demonstrates "[Wright's] ability to elevate any movie or TV show simply by appearing in it." Lyall goes on to celebrate that Wright "has a way of burrowing so deeply into his characters that he seems almost to be hiding in plain sight."<sup>[26]</sup> Stephanie Zacharek at *Time* magazine also highlighted the lead star's performance, admiring that "Wright brings it all to life". Zacharek notes that Wright does so "not with thunderous, statement-making gestures, but with small ones that remind us how vulnerable Monk is", even amidst the protagonist's "own raging intelligence".<sup>[27]</sup>

Filmmaker Gina Prince-Bythewood praised writer-director Cord Jefferson, stating that an artist's first work should tell the world who they are and Jefferson "has screamed into a bullhorn. Bold, chaotic, unflinching, personal. Cord has channeled his creative truths into a searing indictment of biased norms."<sup>[28]</sup>

## Accolades

The *American Film Institute* placed *American Fiction* as one of its top 10 films of 2023, praising Jefferson's writing as "the arrival of a powerful voice in American film", Wright's "triumphant" performance, and the ensemble cast.<sup>[29]</sup>

Award	Date of Ceremony	Category	Recipient(s)	Result	Ref.
<a href="#">Toronto International Film Festival</a>	September 17, 2023	<a href="#">People's Choice Award</a>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Won	[30]
<a href="#">Heartland International Film Festival</a>	October 15, 2023	<a href="#">Humor &amp; Humanity Award</a>	<a href="#">Cord Jefferson</a>	Won	[31]
<a href="#">Mill Valley Film Festival</a>	October 16, 2023	<a href="#">U.S. Cinema</a>		Won <sup>[a]</sup>	
		<a href="#">Breakthrough Directing</a>		Won	
<a href="#">San Diego International Film Festival</a>	October 21, 2023	<a href="#">Best Gala Film</a>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Won	[32]
<a href="#">Middleburg Film Festival</a>	October 22, 2023	<a href="#">Audience Award for Narrative Film</a>		Won	[33]
<a href="#">Celebration of Cinema &amp; Television</a>	December 4, 2023	<a href="#">Visionary Award</a>	<a href="#">Jeffrey Wright</a>	Won	[34]
<a href="#">Windsor International Film Festival</a>	October 29, 2023	<a href="#">LIUNA People's Choice Award</a>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Runner-up	[35]
<a href="#">Virginia Film Festival</a>	October 29, 2023	<a href="#">Programmers' Award – Narrative Feature</a>		Won	[36]
		<a href="#">Breakthrough Director Award</a>	<a href="#">Cord Jefferson</a>	Won	
<a href="#">Savannah Film Festival</a>	November 2, 2023	<a href="#">Audience Award</a>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Runner-up	[37]
<a href="#">Hollywood Music in Media Awards</a>	November 15, 2023	<a href="#">Original Score — Feature Film</a>	<a href="#">Laura Karpman</a>	Nominated	[38]
<a href="#">Gotham Independent Film Awards</a>	November 27, 2023	<a href="#">Outstanding Lead Performance</a>	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	[39]
<a href="#">American Film Institute Awards</a>	December 7, 2023	<a href="#">Top 10 Films of the Year</a>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Won <sup>[b]</sup>	[40] [29]
<a href="#">Washington D.C. Area Film Critics Association Awards</a>	December 10, 2023	<a href="#">Best Feature</a>		Won	[41]
		<a href="#">Best Actor</a>	<a href="#">Jeffrey Wright</a>	Nominated	
		<a href="#">Best Supporting Actor</a>	<a href="#">Sterling K. Brown</a>	Nominated	
		<a href="#">Best Adapted Screenplay</a>	<a href="#">Cord Jefferson</a>	Won	
		<a href="#">Best Ensemble</a>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	
<a href="#">Los Angeles Film Critics Association Awards</a>	December 10, 2023	<a href="#">Best Leading Performance</a>	<a href="#">Jeffrey Wright</a>	Runner-up	[42]
<a href="#">Boston Society of Film Critics Awards</a>	December 10, 2023	<a href="#">Best New Filmmaker</a>	<a href="#">Cord Jefferson</a>	Runner-up <sup>[c]</sup>	[43]
<a href="#">IndieWire Critics Poll</a>	December 11, 2023	<a href="#">Best Performance</a>	<a href="#">Jeffrey Wright</a>	9th Place <sup>[d]</sup>	[44]

		Best Screenplay	Cord Jefferson	5th Place	
		Best First Feature	<i>American Fiction</i>	4th Place	
<a href="#">Chicago Film Critics Association Awards</a>	<a href="#">December 12, 2023</a>	Milos Stehlik Award for Breakthrough Filmmaker	Cord Jefferson	Nominated	[45]
<a href="#">New York Film Critics Online Awards</a>	<a href="#">December 15, 2023</a>	Top 10 Films	<i>American Fiction</i>	Won <sup>[b]</sup>	[46]
<a href="#">Las Vegas Film Critics Society</a>	<a href="#">December 13, 2023</a>	Best Comedy		Nominated	[47]
		Best Actor	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	
		Best Adapted Screenplay	Cord Jefferson	Won	
		Breakout Filmmaker		Nominated	
<a href="#">St. Louis Film Critics Association</a>	<a href="#">December 17, 2023</a>	<a href="#">Best Film</a>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	[48]
		Best Comedy Film		Nominated	
		<a href="#">Best Actor</a>	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	
		<a href="#">Best Supporting Actor</a>	Sterling K. Brown	Nominated	
		<a href="#">Best Adapted Screenplay</a>	Cord Jefferson	runner-up	
<a href="#">Indiana Film Journalists Association</a>	<a href="#">December 17, 2023</a>	Best Film	<i>American Fiction</i>	Longlisted	[49] [50]
		Best Lead Performance	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	
		Best Adapted Screenplay	Cord Jefferson	Nominated	
		Breakout of the Year		Nominated	
<a href="#">Toronto Film Critics Association</a>	<a href="#">December 17, 2023</a>	<a href="#">Best First Feature</a>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Runner-up <sup>[e]</sup>	[51]
<a href="#">Southeastern Film Critics Association</a>	<a href="#">December 18, 2023</a>	Top 10 Films		7th Place	[52]
<a href="#">Dallas–Fort Worth Film Critics Association</a>	<a href="#">December 18, 2023</a>	<a href="#">Top 10 Films of the Year</a>		5th Place	[53]
		<a href="#">Best Actor</a>	Jeffrey Wright	4th Place	
<a href="#">Phoenix Film Critics Society</a>	<a href="#">December 18, 2023</a>	Top Ten Films of 2023	<i>American Fiction</i>	Won <sup>[b]</sup>	[54]
<a href="#">North Texas Film Critics Association</a>	<a href="#">December 18, 2023</a>	Best Picture		Nominated	[55]
		Best Director	Cord Jefferson	Nominated	
		Best Actor	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	
		Best Screenplay	Cord Jefferson	Nominated	
<a href="#">San Diego Film Critics Society</a>	<a href="#">December 19, 2023</a>	<a href="#">Best Picture</a>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	[56]
		<a href="#">Best Director</a>	Cord Jefferson	Nominated	
		<a href="#">Best Actor</a>	Jeffrey Wright	Won	
		<a href="#">Best Supporting Actor</a>	Sterling K. Brown	Nominated	

		<u>Best Adapted Screenplay</u>	Cord Jefferson and <u>Percival Everett</u>	Runner-up	
		Best First Feature	Cord Jefferson	Won	
<u>Black Film Critics Circle</u>	December 20, 2023	Top Ten Films	<i>American Fiction</i>	1st Place	[57]
		Best Actor	Jeffrey Wright	Won	
		Best Supporting Actor	Sterling K. Brown	Won	
		<u>Best Adapted Screenplay</u>	Cord Jefferson	Won <sup>[f]</sup>	
		Best Ensemble	<i>American Fiction</i>	Won	
<u>Florida Film Critics Circle Awards</u>	<u>December 21, 2023</u>	<u>Best Adapted Screenplay</u>	Cord Jefferson	Nominated	[58]
		Best First Film		Nominated	
<u>Oklahoma Film Critics Circle</u>	January 3, 2024	Top 10 Films	<i>American Fiction</i>	10th Place	[59]
<u>Alliance of Women Film Journalists</u>	January 4, 2024	Best Film		Nominated	[60]
		Best Actor	Jeffrey Wright	Won	
		Best Actor in a Supporting Role	Sterling K. Brown	Nominated	
		Best Screenplay, Adapted	Cord Jefferson	Won	
		Best Ensemble Cast – Casting Director	<u>Jennifer Euston</u>	Won	
<u>Georgia Film Critics Association Awards</u>	January 5, 2024	Best Picture	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	[61] [62]
		Best Director	Cord Jefferson	Nominated	
		Best Actor	Jeffrey Wright	Runner-up	
		Best Supporting Actor	Sterling K. Brown	Nominated	
		<u>Best Adapted Screenplay</u>	Cord Jefferson	Runner-up	
		Best Ensemble	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	
<u>Astra Film and Creative Arts Awards</u>	<u>January 6, 2024</u>	Best Picture		Nominated	[63]
		Best Director	Cord Jefferson	Nominated	
		Best Actor	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	
		<u>Best Adapted Screenplay</u>	Cord Jefferson	Won	
		Best First Feature		Nominated	
	<u>February 26, 2024</u>	Best Casting	Jennifer Euston	Nominated	
<u>National Society of Film Critics Awards</u>	<u>January 6, 2024</u>	<u>Best Actor</u>	Jeffrey Wright	Runner-up <sup>[g]</sup>	[64]
<u>Golden Globe Awards</u>	<u>January 7, 2024</u>	<u>Best Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy</u>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	[65]
		<u>Best Actor – Motion Picture Musical or</u>	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	



		<u>Comedy</u>			
<u>Seattle Film Critics Society Awards</u>	<u>January 8, 2024</u>	Best Picture of the Year	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	[66]
		Best Actor in a Leading Role	Jeffrey Wright	Won	
		Best Actor in a Supporting Role	Sterling K. Brown	Nominated	
		Best Screenplay	Cord Jefferson	Nominated	
<u>San Francisco Bay Area Film Critics Circle Awards</u>	<u>January 9, 2024</u>	Best Actor	Jeffrey Wright	Won	[67]
		Best Supporting Actor	Sterling K. Brown	Nominated	
		Best Adapted Screenplay	Cord Jefferson	Won	
<u>Austin Film Critics Association Awards</u>	<u>January 10, 2024</u>	Best Film	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	[68]
		Best Actor	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	
		Best Adapted Screenplay	Cord Jefferson	Nominated	
		Best First Film	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	
<u>Denver Film Critics Society</u>	<u>January 12, 2024</u>	Best Lead Performance by an Actor, Male	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	[69]
		Best Comedy	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	
		Best Adapted Screenplay	Cord Jefferson	Nominated	
<u>Critics' Choice Movie Awards</u>	<u>January 14, 2024</u>	Best Picture	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	[70]
		Best Actor	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	
		Best Supporting Actor	Sterling K. Brown	Nominated	
		Best Adapted Screenplay	Cord Jefferson	Won	
		Best Comedy	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	
<u>African-American Film Critics Association</u>	<u>January 15, 2024</u>	Top 10 Films of the Year		1st Place	[71]
		Best Comedy		Won	
		Best Supporting Actor	Sterling K. Brown	Won	
		Best Screenplay	Cord Jefferson	Won	
		Emerging Filmmaker		Won	
<u>Black Reel Awards</u>	<u>January 16, 2024</u>	Outstanding Film	Ben LeClair, Nikos Karamigios, Cord Jefferson, and Jermaine Johnson	Won	[72]
		Outstanding Director	Cord Jefferson	Won	
		Outstanding Lead Performance	Jeffery Wright	Won	
		Outstanding Supporting Performance	Erika Alexander	Nominated	
			Sterling K. Brown	Nominated	

		<u>Outstanding Ensemble</u>	Jennifer Euston	Nominated	
		<u>Outstanding Emerging Director</u>	Cord Jefferson	Won	
		<u>Outstanding Screenplay</u>		Won	
		<u>Outstanding First Screenplay</u>		Won	
<u>Houston Film Critics Society</u>	January 22, 2024	<u>Best Picture</u>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	[73] [74]
		<u>Best Actor</u>	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	
		<u>Best Screenplay</u>	Cord Jefferson	Nominated	
<u>AACTA International Awards</u>	February 10, 2024	<u>Best Film</u>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	[75]
		<u>Best Lead Actor in Film</u>	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	
		<u>Best Screenplay in Film</u>	Cord Jefferson	Nominated	
<u>Directors Guild of America Awards</u>	February 10, 2024	<u>Outstanding Directing – First-Time Feature Film</u>		Nominated	[76]
<u>Set Decorators Society of America Awards</u>	February 13, 2024	<u>Best Achievement in Décor/Design of a Comedy or Musical Feature Film</u>	Kyra Friedman Curcio and Jonathan Guggenheim	Nominated	[77]
<u>Society of Composers &amp; Lyricists</u>	February 13, 2024	<u>Outstanding Original Score for a Studio Film</u>	Laura Karpman	Nominated	[78]
<u>British Academy Film Awards</u>	February 18, 2024	<u>Best Adapted Screenplay</u>	Cord Jefferson	Won	[79]
<u>Satellite Awards</u>	February 18, 2024	<u>Best Motion Picture, Comedy or Musical</u>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	[80]
		<u>Best Actor in a Motion Picture, Comedy or Musical</u>	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	
		<u>Best Screenplay, Adapted</u>	Cord Jefferson and Percival Everett	Won	
		<u>Best Original Score</u>	Laura Karpman	Won	
<u>Costume Designers Guild Awards</u>	February 21, 2024	<u>Excellence in Contemporary Film</u>	Rudy Mance	Nominated	[81]
<u>Screen Actors Guild Awards</u>	February 24, 2024	<u>Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture</u>	Erika Alexander, Adam Brody, Sterling K. Brown, Keith David, John Ortiz, Issa Rae, Tracee Ellis Ross, Leslie Uggams, and Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	[82]
		<u>Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role</u>	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	
		<u>Outstanding Performance by a</u>	Sterling K. Brown	Nominated	

		<u>Male Actor in a Supporting Role</u>			
<u>Producers Guild of America Awards</u>	<u>February 25, 2024</u>	Darryl F. Zanuck Award for Outstanding Producer of Theatrical Motion Pictures	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	[83]
<u>Independent Spirit Awards</u>	<u>February 25, 2024</u>	<u>Best Film</u>	Cord Jefferson, Jermaine Johnson, Nikos Karamigios, and Ben LeClair	Nominated	[84]
		<u>Best Lead Performance</u>	Jeffrey Wright	Won	
		<u>Best Supporting Performance</u>	Erika Alexander	Nominated	
			Sterling K. Brown	Nominated	
		<u>Best Screenplay</u>		Won	
<u>USC Scriptor Awards</u>	<u>March 2, 2024</u>	<u>Best Adapted Screenplay – Film</u>	Cord Jefferson	Won	[85]
<u>American Cinema Editors</u>	<u>March 3, 2024</u>	<u>Best Edited Feature Film (Comedy, Theatrical)</u>	Hilda Rasula	Nominated	[86]
<u>Artios Awards</u>	<u>March 7, 2024</u>	<u>Outstanding Achievement in Casting – Feature Studio or Independent (Drama)</u>	Jennifer Euston, Lisa Lobel, Angela Peri, and Melissa Morris	Nominated	[87]
<u>Academy Awards</u>	<u>March 10, 2024</u>	<u>Best Picture</u>	Ben LeClair, Nikos Karamigios, Cord Jefferson, and Jermaine Johnson	Nominated	[88]
		<u>Best Actor</u>	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	
		<u>Best Supporting Actor</u>	Sterling K. Brown	Nominated	
		<u>Best Adapted Screenplay</u>	Cord Jefferson	Won	
		<u>Best Original Score</u>	Laura Karpman	Nominated	
<u>GLAAD Media Awards</u>	<u>March 14, 2024</u>	<u>Outstanding Film – Wide Release</u>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	[89]
		<u>Outstanding Motion Picture</u>		Nominated	[90]
<u>NAACP Image Awards</u>	<u>March 16, 2024</u>	<u>Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture</u>	Jeffrey Wright	Nominated	
		<u>Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture</u>	Sterling K. Brown	Nominated	
		<u>Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture</u>	Erika Alexander	Nominated	
		<u>Outstanding Writing in a Motion Picture</u>	Cord Jefferson	Won	
		<u>Outstanding Ensemble Cast in a Motion Picture</u>	<i>American Fiction</i>	Nominated	

Writers Guild of America Awards	April 14, 2024	Best Adapted Screenplay	Cord Jefferson	Won	[91]
		Paul Selvin Award		Won	[92]

## Notes

- a. Shared with Rustin.
- b. This award does not have a single winner, but recognizes multiple films.
- c. Shared with A. V. Rockwell for A Thousand and One.
- d. Tied with Greta Lee for Past Lives.
- e. Shared with Past Lives.
- f. Tied with Oppenheimer.
- g. Shared with Cillian Murphy for Oppenheimer

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