MOVIE GENRE PROFITABILITY

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Overview

Descriptive analysis of movie genre profitability for Microsoft reveals the most profitable genres by two different measures.

- Animation has the best balance of ROI and Revenue
- Horror and mystery have the best ROI
- Adventure has the best Revenue

Additionally:

■ ROI was found to drop off for budgets of over \$250M.

Data and Methods

Data sources

Internet Movie Database: Genre

The Numbers: Finance

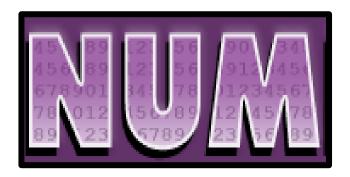
■ Time period: 2010 – 2019

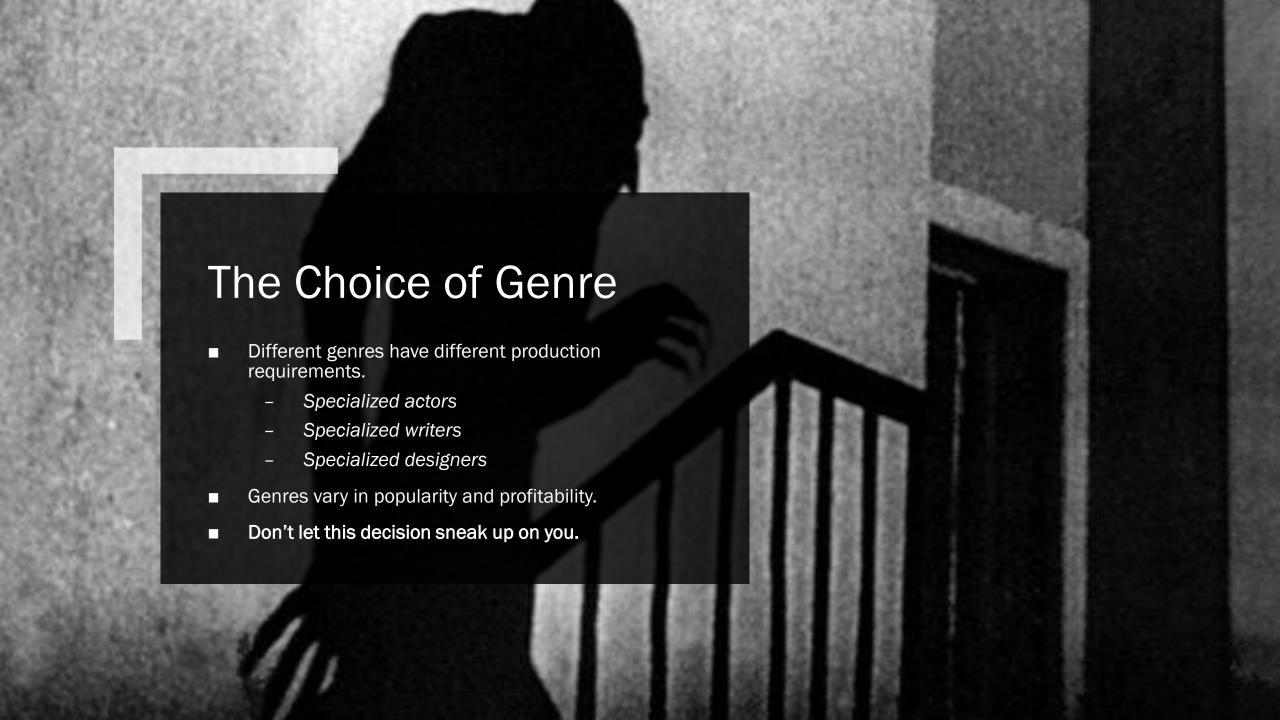
Pearson Correlation

- Used to measure the relationship between genre variables and financial variables
- Measures the degree of linearity
- Factors in both presence and absence of genre variable
 - E.g. if non-Crime movies make more profit than Crime movies, Crime will have a negative correlation with profit

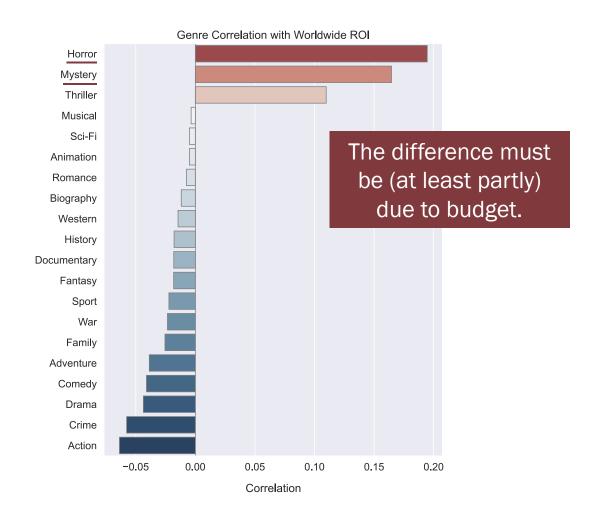


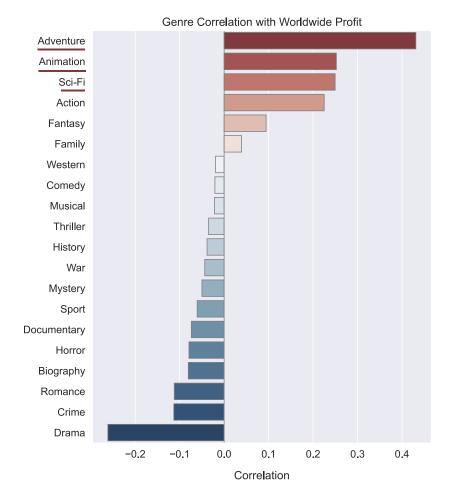




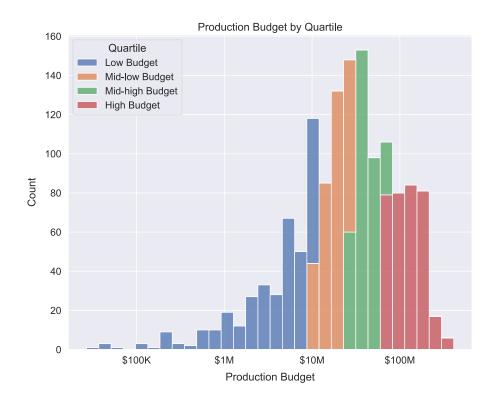


ROI vs. Profit



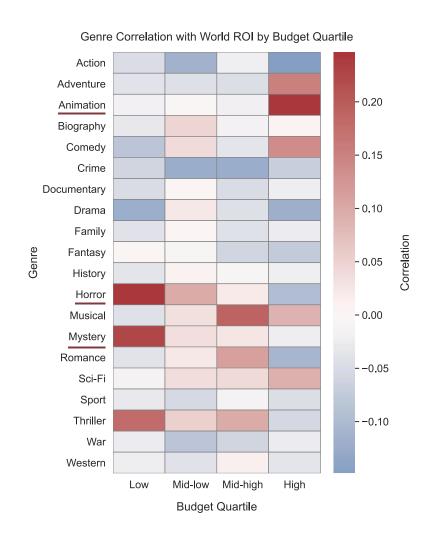


World ROI by Budget

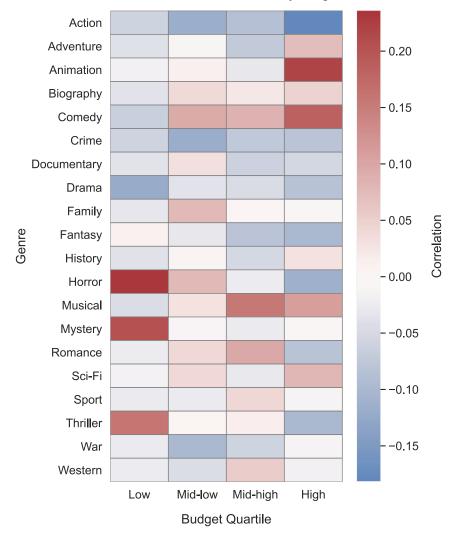


The films are evenly divided by budget quartile.

Animation leads High-Budget, Horror and Mystery lead Low-Budget



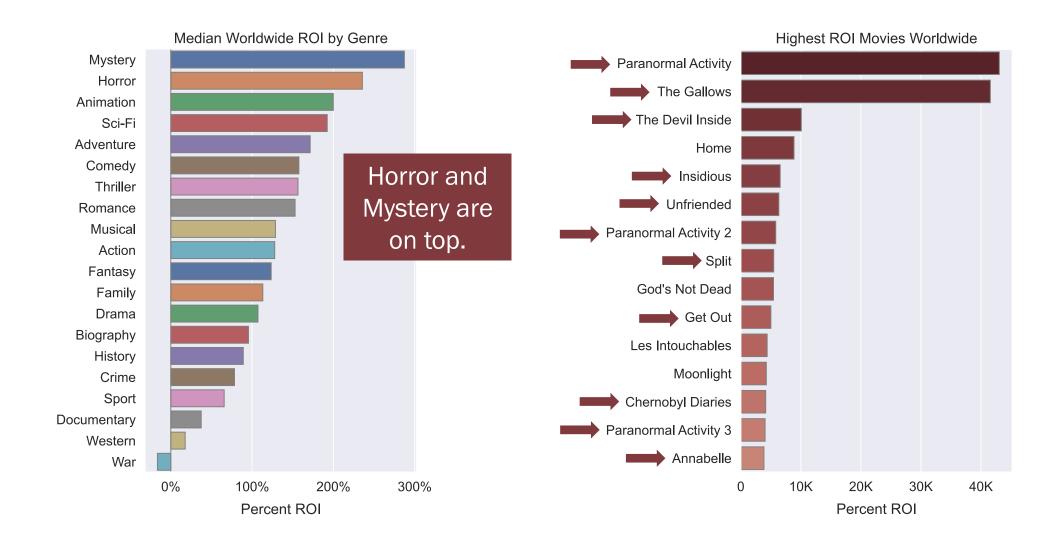
Genre Correlation with Domestic ROI by Budget Quartile



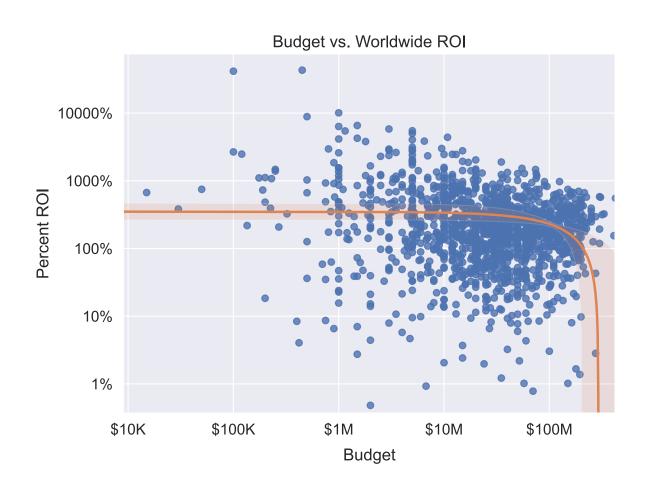
Domestic ROI by Budget

- Results are largely the same
- Comedy does slightly better
- Biography does slightly better
- Action, Crime, and Drama are still low

Other Perspectives on World ROI



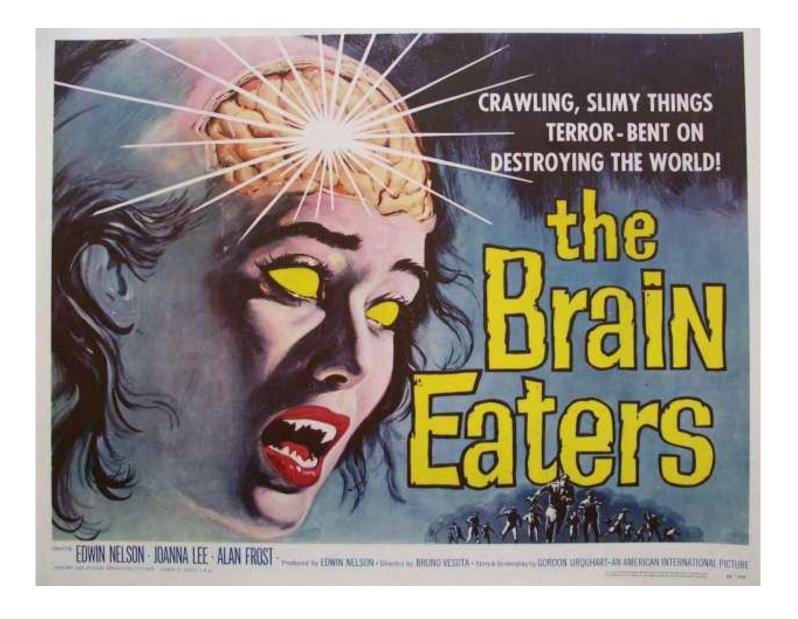
Budget vs World ROI



- Regression plot on a log scale
- Not much of a correlation, but...
 - Sharp drop off around \$250M
 - Recommend avoiding extremely high budgets

Conclusions

- 1. For high revenue and high ROI, go with Animation.
- 2. For maximum ROI, go with Horror and Mystery.
- 3. For maximum revenue, go with Adventure.
- 4. Stay away from Drama, Action, and Crime.
- 5. Keep your movie budgets under \$250M.



Next Steps

- Reproduce analysis with The Movie Database genre data
- Join tables using fuzzy string matching
- Consider other factors
 - Cast and crew
 - Time of year



THANK YOU!

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