Leonardo DiCaprio could be considered one of the most versatile, accomplished and respected actors that the world has ever seen, but yet he can't seem to accomplish the one thing that most actors dream of having and many (including the internet) would argue that he deserves. An Oscar.



# Good night to you, but not me

1. Leo has starred in movies and television shows from quite a young age, starting off as a child actor, then into a teenage heartthrob. All which have paved the way for his flawless transition into a leading actor, branding him the title as one of the biggest stars in Hollywood. In 1993, he starred alongside Johnny Depp in "What's eating Gilbert Grape" scoring him his first nomination for best supporting actor for a playing an autistic child. It's been speculated that The Academy typically does not award an Oscar to one so young, of which at the time Leo was of the tender age of 19. The youngest person ever to win was Tatum O'Neal in 1973 who was 10 years old in the best supporting actress category and has held that record for the last 41 or so years. So, it's no surprise that he

was passed over for a more seasoned actor, losing out to Tommy Lee Jones for "The Fugitive".

## I'll Never Let Go

2. Leo's second nom came several years later in 2005 for a biopic on Howard Hughes "The Aviator", which screamed Oscar worthy. By now Leo has become a well-established actor starring in mega hits like "Romeo and Juliet" and "Titanic" accumulating a substantial amount of fame. 2004 was supposedly said to be a somewhat lackluster year for movies, indicating that even though Leo did an amazing job it was average compared to the other nominees. So, it made sense when Jamie Foxx won that year for "Ray" which was the only movie that really stood out and generated a lot of commercialized buzz.

### If money isn't everything work at McDonalds

3. Now we move on to 2006 Leo has been in "The Departed" and was at the time nominated for "Blood Diamond". Why didn't he win this time? Is it due to the fact that the winning movie "The Last king of Scotland" starring Forest Whitaker was in a way similar to "Blood Diamond" because they both took place in Africa? perhaps. It also appears to be that whenever Leo is nominated for some reason his competition seems to be super tough. Taking a look at the past recent year of 2013 when DiCaprio was nominated for his work in "The Wolf of Wall Street" a movie which has become very popular for its strong use of foul language and crude humor and is used heavily for memes on social networks, he was pit against Matthew McCaughey who underwent a physical transformation to play a character suffering with AIDS. We all know that whenever an actor undergoes any type of weight loss or gain they typically bring home the gold. So as much as we all would have liked him to win we secretly knew he had no chance.

# Large parties are so intimate

4. The level of movies that Leo has lent his talent to are never less than the absolute best. With the success of "Inception", "Shutter Island", "Django Unchained", "Revolutionary Road", "The Great Gatsby" and literally so much more it's nearly impossible to count, it is clear that while not all of his movies get Oscar buzz or do great in the box office they all are movies with a certain amount of depth and importance. All of this supports the theory that maybe he's just too damn good in everything he does, there is practically nothing to look back and compare him to. Some people say The Academy doesn't look back on previous work and make comparisons, but it's possible that they might actually do, which is why he just doesn't win. While he has been nominated for 11 Golden Globes and won 3 of them it's been known that all of those other wins just don't have the same level of hierarchy as an Oscar does.

#### I ain't afraid to die anymore

5. Moving on to my last conspiracy, revisiting the topic of age let us not forget that our dear Leonardo Wilhelm DiCaprio is only recently a mere 41 years old. Since the first Academy Award was presented in 1929 only about 14 actors have won under the age 40, which brings us to say that maybe it's just not his time as yet. It takes years and half a life time for some of these men and even women who have devoted their lives to the art of acting to come close to winning or even being nominated. It's now 2016 and he has been nominated for his latest movie "The Revenant" which he said to be the most challenging role of his career. So, could this be the one? Nominated alongside Bryan Cranston, Matt Damon, Michael Fassbender and Eddie Redmayne with the stakes once again being high and competition rough with a transgender character coming from Eddie Redmayne, this could mean that he could very well lose out for the 5th time, but here's hoping that February 28th will a momentous day in history.

