

NANCY DREW AT THE MOVIES & ON TV FACT SHEET



There were 4 Nancy Drew movies in the 1930s:

- Nancy Drew...Detective*, 1938
- Nancy Drew, Reporter*, 1939
- Nancy Drew, Troubleshooter*, 1939
- Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase*, 1939

The 1930s movies starred Bonita Granville as Nancy Drew and Frankie Thomas as “Ted” Nickerson (instead of “Ned” Nickerson.)

There was a kissing scene between Bonita and Frankie in *Troubleshooter* that was cut out of the film.

A popular expression in the 1930s movies was “I’ll bet you 23.80... .” This expression was slang from that time period and referred to the weekly paycheck amount given to workers in the WPA.

Two of the 1930s movies were based upon Nancy Drew books:

- Nancy Drew...Detective* was based on *The Password to Larkspur Lane*
- Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase* was based on *The Hidden Staircase*

Two actresses played Nancy Drew in the 1970s television series—Pamela Sue Martin and Janet Louise Johnson.

In the 1970s TV series, Nancy Drew drove a blue Mustang, but it wasn’t a convertible.

The 1977 Nancy Drew episode, *The Secret of the Whispering Walls*, was based upon two Nancy Drew books: *The Hidden Staircase* and *The Secret of Red Gate Farm*.



Several Nancy Drew 70s TV show collectibles came onto the market: Nancy Drew T-shirt, Nancy Drew lunchbox, Nancy Drew Halloween costume, Nancy Drew greeting card set, and Nancy Drew puzzle and activity books.

The 1990s saw Nancy Drew in a very short lived TV series—1 season—and she was played by actress Tracy Ryan.

A TV pilot in 2002 starred Maggie Lawson as Nancy Drew—and in this movie, Nancy Drew got arrested for breaking and entering!

Nancy Drew went off to college in the 2002 movie pilot.