

Race in American Cinema

Lynching and violence





Jim Crow Laws (Separate but equal)

Interracial relationships and anti-miscegenation laws

Stereotypes of black characters in cinema

The Uncle Tom Stereotype



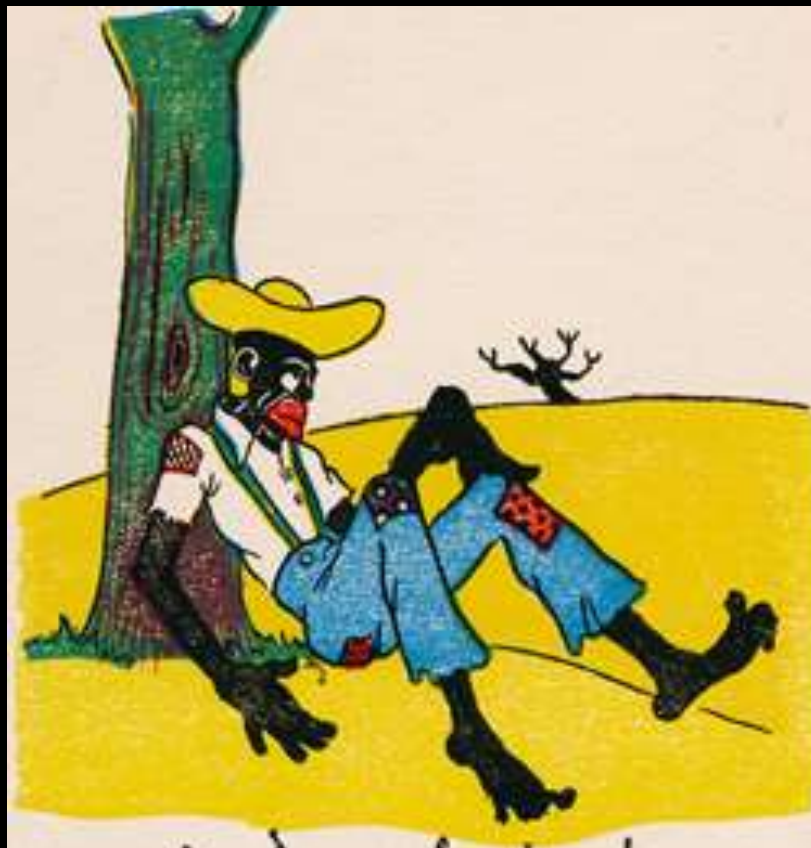
The Uncle Tom Stereotype

- Docile
- Illiterate
- Friendly
- Happily serving his white master

The Little Colonel (1935)



The Coon Stereotype



The Coon Stereotype

- Foolish
- Lazy
- Slang
- Arrogant
- Trickster

The Coon Stereotype

The Buck Stereotype

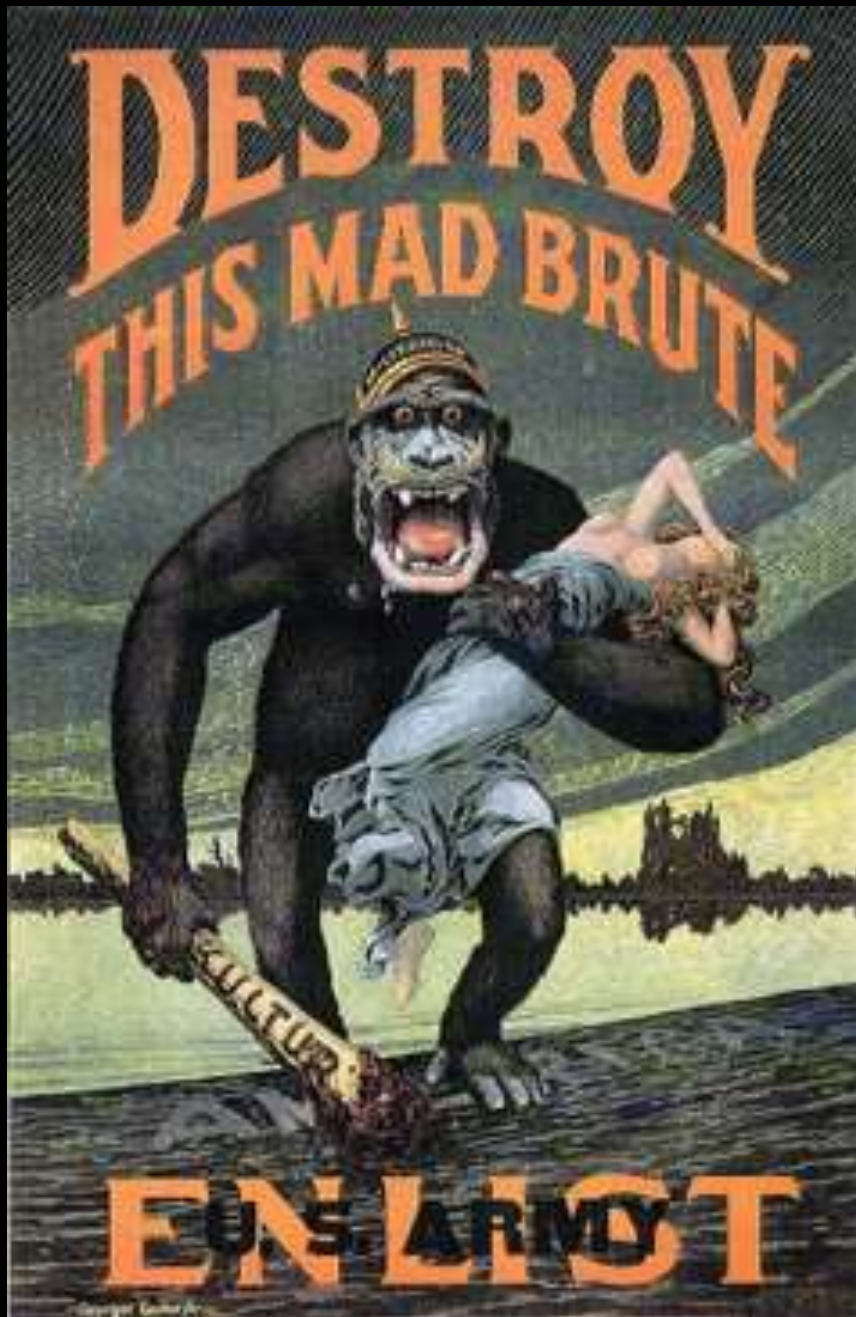




The Buck Stereotype

- Brutal
- Animalistic
- Erratic
- Hypersexual
- A threat to the purity of white women (fear of miscegenation)
- Need to be tamed





The Mammy Stereotype



The Mammy Stereotype

- Overweight
- Great cook
- Covered head
- Loud
- Funny language
- Occasionally angry but docile
- Takes care of all the white children
- Asexual
- No life of her own



The Tragic Mulatto Stereotype



The Jezebel Stereotype

Monster's Ball (2001)

The Jezebel Stereotype

- Highly sexualized
- Insatiable
- Partially masculinized
- Potentially dangerous
- The opposite of the mammy
- Supposedly realistic

“Fade” by Kanye West

Blaxploitation (70s)



**The mob wants
Harlem back.
They got Shaft..
up to here.**

SHAFT

SHAFT's his name. SHAFT's his game.

HAIL CAESAR

Godfather of Harlem!



...The Cat with the .45 caliber Claws!

A Larco Production —
An American International Release

FRED WILLIAMSON starring in "BLACK CAESAR"

co-starring MINNIE GENTRY · JULIUS W. HARRIS · D'URVILLE MARTIN

DON PEDRO COLLEY · GLORIA HENDRY · ART LUND · VAL AVERY · PHILLIP ROYE

Written, Produced and Directed by LARRY COHEN · A LARRY COHEN Film

Color by
DE LUXE!



Music composed and
performed by
JAMES BROWN
Sound Track Album
available on
Polydor Records

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"BLACK CAESAR"

Never a dude like this one!
He's got a plan to stick it to The Man!



STARRING
RON O'NEAL
AS PREST

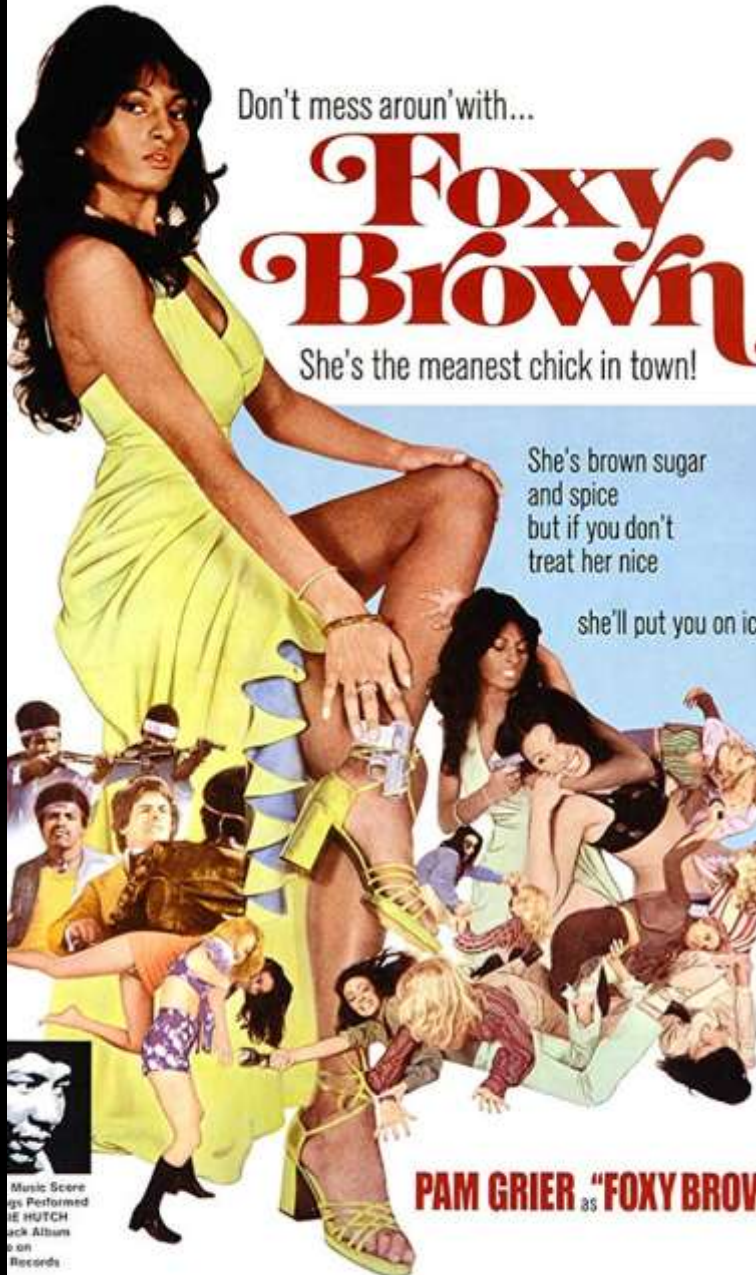
See
and hear
**CURTIS
MAYFIELD**
play his
Super Fly
score!



The SIG SHORE Production "SUPER FLY" Starring RON O'NEAL - CARL LEE - JULIUS W. HARRIS - SHEILA FRAZIER
CHARLES MCGREGOR - Music Composed and Arranged by CURTIS MAYFIELD - Screenplay by PHILLIP FENTY - Produced
by SIG SHORE - Directed by GORDON PARKS, JR. - from Warner Bros., a Warner Communications company

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"SUPER FLY"



Don't mess aroun' with...

Foxy Brown

She's the meanest chick in town!

She's brown sugar
and spice
but if you don't
treat her nice

she'll put you on ice



Music Score
Songs Performed
by HITCH
Track Albums
on
Records

PAM GRIER as **FOXY BROWN**

Starring PETER BROWN · TERRY CARTER as Michael · Co-starring KATHRYN LODER · MARRY HOLCOMBE
Produced by BUZZ FEITSHANS · Written and Directed by JACK HILL · COLOR by Movielab · An AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL Production

PAM GRIER
COFFY



Buddy Films







Oscar Awards

- No director
- Leading Actor: Sidney Poitier (1963), Denzel Washington (2001), Jamie Foxx (2004), Forest Whitaker (2006)
- Leading Actress: Halle Berry (2001)
- First Academy Award to a black actor/actress: Hattie McDaniel (1939)

Production Companies

White experience is universal...

Movies about slavery