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## They Shoot Horses, Don't They?

**In Theatres:** Dec 10, 1969

**Starring:** [Jane Fonda](#) [2],

[Michael Sarrazin](#) [3],

[Susannah York](#) [4],

[Red Buttons](#) [5],

[Gig Young](#) [6]

**Studio(s):** [ABC Pictures](#) [7]

**Director(s):** [Sydney Pollack](#) [8]

**Genre:** [Drama](#) [9]

**Running Time:** 2 Hours, 1 Minute

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A total of nine Academy Award nominations went to this wildly acclaimed, allegorical drama set amongst the contestants in a marathon dance contest during the Great Depression. Gig Young stars as Rocky, the obnoxious emcee for a dance marathon that offers prize money of \$1,500, a small fortune during hard economic times that brings out the worst in several participants. Among them are Gloria Beatty ([Jane Fonda](#) [10]), a malcontent who's partnered with a drifter, Robert Syverton ([Michael Sarrazin](#) [11]); a pregnant farm girl ([Bonnie Bedelia](#) [12]) and her husband ([Bruce Dern](#) [13]); a sailor ([Red Buttons](#) [14]); and an aspiring actress ([Susannah York](#) [15]). As the marathon winds into a staggering second month, suspicion, doubt and insecurity rages among the competitors and even the decaying and increasingly manipulative Rocky, leading to a shocking crime.



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