



# Showboat

(1936)

## Synopsis

Set aboard Mississippi riverboats at the turn of the century, this movie tells the story of the bittersweet romance between Magnolia Hawkes, daughter of the "Cotton Blossom" captain, and Gaylord Ravenal, a rakish riverboat gambler. Leonard Maltin says, "Entertaining treatment of Jerome Kern Oscar Hammerstein II musical mixes music, sentiment, and melodrama, with enough great moments to make up for the rest..."

## Cast

<u>Actor</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>Actor</u>	<u>Character</u>
Irene Dunne .....	Magnolia	Donald Cook.....	Steve Baker
Allan Jones .....	Gaylord Ravenal	Hattie McDaniel .....	Queenie
Charles Winninger.....	Cap'n Andy Hawks	Francis X. Mahoney .....	Rubber Face
Paul Robeson .....	Joe	Marilyn Knowlden.....	Kim (as a Child)
Helen Morgan .....	Julie	Sunnie O'Dea .....	Kim (at Sixteen)
Helen Westley.....	Parthy Ann Hawks	Arthur Hohl .....	Pete
Queenie Smith .....	Elly May Chipley	Charles Middleton .....	Vallon
Sammy White.....	Frank Schultz		

## Trivia & Quotes

The scenes of the townspeople running toward the dock to greet the arrival of the show boat incorporate footage from the 1929 part-talkie film version.

This movie is supposed to be the most faithful to Edna Ferber's novel and the stage play from 1927. The story was made into a movie in 1929 and 1951 as well.