



# CLASSIC FILM SERIES

## FUN FACTS

1. The first American film to be made in its entirety in Italy.
2. The Embassy Ball sequence featured real Italian nobility, who all donated their salaries to charity. The reporters at the end of the film were real, too.
3. This role was originally written for **Elizabeth Taylor**. Hepburn was cast after a screen-test.
4. **Audrey Hepburn** starred with **Gregory Peck** in her first leading role, which introduced her to the public. The part nabbed her a Best Actress Oscar and saw legendary designer **Edith Head** win one as well for her costumes.
5. Peck's contract gave him solo star billing, with newcomer Hepburn listed much less prominently in the credits. Halfway through the filming, Peck suggested to Wyler that he elevate her to equal billing — an almost unheard-of gesture in Hollywood.
6. Peck's role was originally written with **Cary Grant** in mind. Grant declined, believing he was too old to play Hepburn's love interest (though he played opposite her ten years later in Charade.)
7. **Gregory Peck** had not been in a comedy on film and jumped at this opportunity. He later said that, at the time, he felt like every romantic comedy script he had the chance to read "had the fingerprints of **Cary Grant** on it".

A bored and sheltered princess escapes her guardians and falls in love with an American newsman in Rome.

Release date: **August 27, 1953**

Directed by **William Wyler**

Produced by **William Wyler**

Written by **Ian McLellan Hunter, John Dighton, Dalton Trumbo**

Music by **Georges Auric, Victor Young**

## STARRING:

**Gregory Peck** .....Joe Bradley

**Audrey Hepburn**.....Princess Ann

**Eddie Albert**.....Irving Radovitch

**Hartley Power**.....Mr. Hennessey

**Harcourt Williams**.....Ambassador

**Margaret Rawlings**.....Countess Vereberg

**Robert Flemyng**.....Paul Duval

**Dovima**.....Marion

**Suzy Parker**.....Specialty Dancer

## UP NEXT:

### ***The Great Escape (1963)***

Sunday, June 9 at 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 20 at 9:00 p.m.

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