Room at the Top
Directed by Jack Clayton
Laurence Harvey, Heather Sears, Simone Signoret

Dual Format Edition + iTunes release, 20 May 2019

A mature treatment of sex and class, Jack Clayton’s Room at the Top is a landmark of the British New Wave. Winner of two Academy Awards®, from six nominations, including Best Actress for Simone Signoret and Best Adapted Screenplay (from John Braine’s novel), this kitchen-sink classic is made available on Blu-ray for the first time in the UK to mark the film’s 60th anniversary this year. Released by the BFI in a Dual Format Edition (Blu-ray & DVD) and on iTunes on 20 May 2019, it is packaged with numerous extras including a new feature commentary and a selection of archive films of West Riding, Yorkshire, where the film is set.

In 1950s industrial Yorkshire, social climber Joe Lampton (Laurence Harvey) woos the boss’s daughter as he sets out to reach the top of his profession. But when his working-class background hampers his efforts, Joe seeks solace with the unhappily married Alice (Simone Signoret) – an affair that will have dire consequences.

Special features
- Presented in High Definition and Standard Definition
- The Visit (1959, 35 mins): Jack Gold’s quietly devastating drama portraying the everyday life of a working-class single woman
- The West Riding in Archive Film: Bradford Town Hall Square (1896, 2 mins); Bailey’s Royal Buxton Punch and Judy Show in Halifax (1901, 3 mins); Tram Ride into Halifax (1902, 4 mins); Halifax Day by Day (1910, 2 mins); We of the West Riding (1945, 22 mins); This Town (1969, 8 mins): everyday Yorkshire life captured across a century of dramatic change
- Original trailer
- Feature commentary by Neil Sinyard (2009)
- Feature commentary by Dr Josephine Botting (2019)
- Image galleries

Product details
RRP: £19.99 / Cat. no. BFIB1343 / 12
UK / 1959 / black and white / 117 mins / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / original aspect ratio 1.66:1 // BD50: 1080p, 24fps, 1.0 PCM mono audio (48kHz/24-bit) / DVD9: PAL, 25fps, Dolby Digital 1.0 mono audio (48kHz/16-bit)

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