

Best picture

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- Frost/Nixon
- Milk
- The Reader
- Slumdog Millionaire

Director

- David Fincher, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- Ron Howard, Frost/Nixon
- Gus Van Sant, Milk
- Stephen Daldry, The Reader
- Danny Boyle, Slumdog Millionaire

Original screenplay

- Frozen River
- Happy-Go-Lucky
- In Bruges
- Milk
- WALL-E

Adapted screenplay

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- Doubt
- Frost/Nixon
- The Reader
- Slumdog Millionaire

Actor in a leading role

- Richard Jenkins, The Visitor
- Frank Langella, Frost/Nixon
- Sean Penn, Milk
- Brad Pitt, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- Mickey Rourke, The Wrestler

Actress in a leading role

- Anne Hathaway, Rachel Getting Married
- Angelina Jolie, Changeling
- Melissa Leo, Frozen River
- Meryl Streep, Doubt
- Kate Winslet, The Reader

Actor in a supporting role

- Josh Brolin, Milk
- Robert Downey Jr., Tropic Thunder
- Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Doubt
- Heath Ledger, The Dark Knight
- Michael Shannon, Revolutionary Road

Actress in a supporting role

- Amy Adams, Doubt
- Penélope Cruz, Vicky Cristina Barcelona
- Viola Davis, Doubt
- Taraji P. Henson, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- Marisa Tomei, The Wrestler

Foreign language film

- The Baader Meinhof Complex (Germany)
- The Class (France)
- Departures (Japan)
- Revanche (Austria)
- Waltz with Bashir (Israel)

Animated feature

- Bolt
- Kung Fu Panda
- WALL-E

Documentary feature

- The Betrayal (Nerakhoon)
- Encounters at the End of the World
- The Garden
- Man on Wire
- Trouble the Water

Documentary short

- The Conscience of Nhem En
- The Final Inch
- Smile Pinki
- The Witness - From the Balcony of Room 306

Short film - animated

- La Maison en Petits Cubes
- Lavatory - Lovestory
- Oktapodi
- Presto
- This Way Up

Short film - live action

- Auf Der Strecke (On the Line)
- Manon on the Asphalt
- New Boy
- The Pig
- Spielzeugland (Toyland)

Original score

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- Defiance
- Milk
- Slumdog Millionaire
- WALL-E

Original song

- "Down to Earth," WALL-E
- "Jai Ho," Slumdog Millionaire
- "O Saya," Slumdog Millionaire

Art direction

- Changeling
- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- The Dark Knight
- The Duchess
- Revolutionary Road

Cinematography

- Changeling
- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- The Dark Knight
- The Reader
- Slumdog Millionaire

Costume design

- Australia
- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- The Duchess
- Milk
- Revolutionary Road

Makeup

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- The Dark Knight
- Hellboy II: The Golden Army

Sound mixing

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- The Dark Knight
- Slumdog Millionaire
- WALL-E
- Wanted

Sound editing

- The Dark Knight
- Iron Man
- Slumdog Millionaire
- WALL-E
- Wanted

Visual effects

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- The Dark Knight
- Iron Man

Film editing

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- The Dark Knight
- Frost/Nixon
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