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Director Sergio Leone's *A Fistful of Dollars* was released in Italy in 1964, but not released in the United States until 1967. The film stars Clint Eastwood, who had been previously known to American audiences only for his role in the television series *Rawhide*. The music is by the incomparable Ennio Morricone. This film is a western. This particular subgenre of western is usually referred to, unflatteringly, as a "spaghetti western." Based on the samurai film *Yojimbo*, by Japanese director Akira Kurosawa, *A Fistful of Dollars* tells the story of a drifter who arrives in the town of San Miguel, a town run by two feuding families, the Rojos and the Baxters. The drifter cleverly manipulates the families into a bloody conflict that leaves the Rojos in control, until the final conflict between the man with no name (Eastwood) and Ramón Rojo (Gian Maria Volanté).