

# New On DVD & Blu-Ray

**Gangster Squad** An elite police squad fights to save the city of Los Angeles from a power-hungry East Coast mobster in this gritty police-detective film set in the 1940s, and based on Paul Lieberman's seven-part Los Angeles Times series "Tales From the Gangster Squad." Jewish gangster Mickey Cohen (Sean Penn) is a Brooklyn-born boxer-turned-L.A. kingpin whose brutal ambition has earned him the respect of the Italian mob. He's the kind of crime boss who dines with judges and police chiefs, but still isn't quite sure which fork to use when it comes time for the main course. Just when it begins to look like Cohen owns every cop in the city, however, LAPD Chief Parker (Nick Nolte) enlists honest cop Sgt. John O'Mara (Josh Brolin) to assemble a top-secret task force that will burn the vicious gangster's thriving criminal empire to the ground. With the help of his pregnant wife Connie (Mireille Enos), Sgt. O'Mara handpicks smooth-talking Sgt. Jerry Wooters (Ryan Gosling), heroin-hating Officer Coleman Harris (Anthony Mackie), deadeye Officer Max Kennard (Robert Patrick), and brilliant wireman Officer Conwell Keeler (Giovanni Ribisi) for the task at hand. Joined by Officer Kennard's tough sidekick Officer Navidad Ramirez (Michael Peña) as they set out for their first job, the squad strike fast and hard at the core of Cohen's operation. Meanwhile, the charming Sgt. Wooters flirts with danger by starting an affair with Cohen's smoldering paramour Grace Faraday (Emma Stone). Shortly after learning that Cohen is plotting a power play that will cement his stronghold on the city, however, the squad are unexpectedly compromised, putting the lives of all of their families in danger and leaving them with little choice but to step up their efforts and target the ruthless gangster directly. Should they live to accomplish their mission, Sgt. O'Mara and his men will prevent L.A. from becoming a hive of criminal activity like Chicago or New York. But Cohen isn't going down without a fight, and if he falls, the entire city will feel the aftershock. *Warner*

**Zero Dark Thirty** Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal, reteam for this drama detailing the hunt for Osama bin Laden, which stars Oscar nominee Jessica Chastain as the intelligence expert who dedicated a decade of her life to tracking down the world's most wanted terrorist. In the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the CIA began interrogating suspected Al Qaeda agents across the globe in a bid to locate the elusive bin Laden. Upon arriving at a CIA black site and witnessing the brutal interrogation tactics firsthand, driven operative Maya (Chastain) aids her unpredictable colleague Dan (Jason Clarke) in gathering the intelligence that will help bring their target to justice. Over the course of the next decade, numerous false leads and dead ends make the search seem more futile than ever. Meanwhile, numerous suicide bombings across the Middle East and Europe hint that Al Qaeda won't go down without a fight. Then, just when it seems as if the trail of clues has finally dried up, an old piece of evidence leads Maya to a suspect who may work directly for the man charged with planning the worst act of terrorism ever committed on American soil. Joel Edgerton, Edgar Ramirez, Mark Strong, Chris Pratt, and James Gandolfini co-star. *Sony*

**Broken City** The mayor of New York City hires a disgraced ex-cop to identify his wife's lover, setting into motion a scandalous series of events in this post-noir thriller from director Albert Hughes. Billy Taggart (Mark Wahlberg) was on his way to becoming one of the Big Apple's top cops when a high-profile shooting cut his promising career short. His reputation destroyed in the flash of a muzzle, Billy gets a break when the city's popular mayor (Russell Crowe) pulls some strings to ensure he doesn't serve time. Meanwhile, Billy puts his investigative skills to work as a private detective. When the mayor offers Billy \$50,000 to expose his wife's infidelities, the offer is too good to pass up. But by the time the mayor reveals his true intentions, Billy is already in too deep. Now, with his freedom -- and quite possible his life -- on the line, Billy will risk it all in a desperate bid to expose the truth, and seek redemption in a city where second chances don't come cheap. Catherine Zeta-Jones, Jeffrey Wright, and Barry Pepper co-star. *Fox*

**The Great Magician** In the years after the Revolution that overthrew the Qing Dynasty in China and established the republic, China broken up into fiefdoms held by warlords, who are busy fighting each other. A lieutenant is using magic to scare convicts into joining a warlord's army. His warlord has imprisoned a girl and wants her to be his seventh wife, but he's too honorable to force her. The local revolutionaries want to kill the warlord and bring back the republic. The lieutenant is secretly a member of the Qing Dynasty Remnant and wants to bring back the Empire. The local Japanese businessman is actually trying to take over with help of the local Blackhawk gang. Into this chaos, a stranger returns from aboard with mastery of magic, and is back to recover the girl he loved (daughter of his master/teacher). Who is tricking whom and who will win at the end? *Well Go*

**Secrets In The Walls** Single mom Rachel Easton and her two daughters move from their cramped Detroit apartment to the suburbs when Rachel gets an irresistible deal on her dream house. But with the night comes scratching from within the walls, distant cries, and a figure of a young woman in the shifting shadows of the basement. As the haunting intensifies, Rachel and her friend must uncover the horrifying secret of what happened in the house years ago to save her family. *Vivendi*

**The Stool Pigeon** This Cantonese-language police procedural from director Dante Lam blends moralistic drama and tense action sequences, to startling effect. Distinguished detective Don Lee (Nick Cheung) takes a misstep with some grave consequences following a local drug bust, by issuing an arrest order that unveils the identity of cartel informant Jabber (Liu Kai-chi). Now at the mercy of local gangs, Jabber must live on the streets to protect his loved ones, which riddles Lee with guilt. The story then jumps forward one year, as history begins to repeat itself: Lee hires a new "snitch," Ghost (Nicolas Tse), who has been incarcerated while trying to work off his father's mob debt and free his sister from prostitution. As part of his undercover assignment for the Hong Kong Police Department, Ghost signs on as the driver for a gang of jewel thieves, and feeds Lee inside information about the cadre's next robbery. At the same time, however, he realizes that his decision to inform may ruin his potential for a romantic relationship with Dee (Guey Lun-mei), the girlfriend of local kingpin Barbarian (Lu Yi). The situation involving Jabber then rears its head once again, with unexpected long-term aftershocks. *Well Go USA*

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**Fringe Season 5** The beloved fan-favorite series, Fringe, returns for its fifth and final season to deliver a climactic conclusion... in all worlds. Picking up from events depicted in season four's flash-forward episode, the seemingly peaceful Observers seized control of our universe in 2015. Now, in 2036, they have become ruthless rulers who stand unopposed. What awaits in the future, however, is the Fringe Team's final stand, which will bring together all they have witnessed in preparation for the final battle to protect our world. Joining Fringe scientist Water Bishop, FBI agent Olivia Dunham, Peter Bishop and the Fringe team is Olivia and Peter's now-grown daughter, Etta, in a final season filled with struggle, surprises, and sacrifice. *Warner*

**Cheech & Chong's Animated Movie** Cheech & Chong's Animated Movie is a film based on Cheech and Chong's classic Grammy award winning albums. The animated bits are linked together by clever transitions and a weed hungry body crab named "Buster" who is always trying to get high by sucking the blood of Cheech & Chong. Stars Cheech Marin, Tommy Chong. *Fox*

**The Assassin's Blade** Zhu, the daughter of a wealthy family is sent into the mountains disguised as a man to learn martial arts from an elite clan. Zhu finds herself at odds with the Kung Fu master and must fight to save her family from death. Stars Chun Wu, Ge Hu. *Well Go*

**Flash Gordon the Complete Series** Placing a 21st century spin on a science fiction classic, this contemporized version of Flash Gordon follows the all-new adventures of Flash (Eric Johnson, Smallville) and his companions, Dale Arden (Gina Holden, Fantastic Four) and Dr. Hans Zarkov (Jody Racicot, The Newsroom). When ordinary people from a peaceful Pacific town are thrust into extraordinary circumstances, they find themselves as Earth's last line of defense against the forces of the merciless dictator Ming (John Ralston, Life with Derek). Together this unusual team of heroes sets out on a venture that is literally. Out Of This World! Includes All 22 Episodes! *Mill Creek*

**Father Dowling Mysteries Season One** The detective series Father Dowling Mysteries bore an unusual and rocky history. It began with a one-off feature on Nbc, Fatal Confession: A Father Dowling Mystery, that aired November 30, 1987 and earned encouraging ratings, but didn't generate a weekly series until January 1989. Later, it jumped ship and remained on ABC until the fall of 1991. The subject of all this back-and-forth was a gentle, laid-back program about an elderly Chicago priest (Tom Bosley) with a proclivity for finding and solving local murder mysteries in his community. He did so with the help of Sister Steve (Tracy Nelson) a clever and resourceful young nun - resourceful enough that she could pick locks or wheedle information out of street people with great ease. Episodes, which were light on violence but heavy on wry humor, followed the pair's adventures. *Paramount/CBS*

**Father Dowling Mysteries Season Two** Father Frank Dowling is a Catholic priest who continually stumbles over murders, abductions, and other high crimes in his hometown, Chicago, Illinois. He is assisted by Sister Stephanie "Steve" Oskowski, who does much of the legwork for Frank. Sister Steve is a streetwise nun who grew up in a rough housing project nearby, so she can hotwire a car and handle firearms with ease. She knows the language of the streets and converses in it fluently. Stars Tom Bosley, Tracy Nelson, James Stephens and Mary Wickes. *Paramount/CBS*

**Willow** Is director Ron Howard's fantasy world of medieval adventure. Willow stars Val Kilmer as Madmartigan, a swashbuckling warrior, and Warwick Davis as the title character. In a mythical kingdom, the evil sorceress Queen Bavmorda (Jean Marsh) plots to kill all infants so that the newborn princess, Elora, will never take over the throne. But a midwife sets the baby adrift in a river, and she is rescued by Willow, a farmer in Nelwyn, a peaceful village of trolls, fairies, and little folk. Willow and Madmartigan begin a quest to deliver the baby from evil while being chased by Queen Bavmorda's daughter, Sorsha (Joanne Whalley), sent to bring the baby back to Nockmaar. *Fox*

**A Royal Affair** In 18th-century Denmark, the unstable King Christian IV neglects his young queen, Mathilde, who falls in love with his German physician, Struensee, an intellectual whose advocacy of reform transforms the country but brings about his own downfall. *Magnolia*

**On Approval** Clive Brook adapted and stars as George, the 10th Duke of Bristol, in this hilarious adaptation of Frederick Lonsdale's play. George and his equally impoverished friend Richard (Roland Culver) are invited to spend a month at a Scottish mansion by two wealthy women (played by Beatrice Lillie and Googie Withers) to test their compatibility as potential marriage partners. What follows is a delightfully witty romance described by Lindsay Anderson as the funniest British light comedy ever made. *Inception*

**Elmo The Musical** Get ready for a fun-filled musical adventure in this all-new DVD! Elmo stars in his very own musical, imagining himself as an athlete, a sea captain, the president, a prince and even in a circus! Everyone's favorite furry red monster and his supporting cast must use their math skills to solve problems and save the day. Kids can sing, dance, play, and imagine along with Elmo on these math-filled adventures. Episodes include: Athlete, Sea Captain, Circus, President and Prince. *Warner*

**Wasted On The Young** A young woman finds her reputation is at stake when she refuses to date a charming bully in this intelligent teen drama from Australia. Xandrie (Adelaide Clemens) is a smart, pretty girl who is attending an exclusive private school favored by wealthy, upper-class families. Xandrie is infatuated with Darren (Oliver Ackland), a handsome but quiet boy with an interest in computers, but Darren's step-brother Zack (Alex Russell), who is at the top of the school status ladder, has his eye on her. Zach is used to getting what he wants, often with the help of his loyal sidekicks Brook (T.J. Power) and Jonathan (Tom Stokes), and when Xandrie rejects his advances, he doesn't take it well. Soon Xandrie finds herself the target of a campaign of rumors and vicious gossip, largely spread through online social networking, and the war of words takes an especially ugly turn that could leave Xandrie scarred for life and turn Darren against Zack. *Indomina*