

Great Gift Ideas on DVD

18 Months of Mayhem This historical documentary chronicles the 18-month period from mid-1933 to late 1934 when John Dillinger, Bonnie and Clyde, Baby Face Nelson, Machine Gun Kelly and others indulged in the most sweeping crime wave the U.S. has ever experienced. It was an era when outlaws became folk heroes because they robbed from the rich, even if they didn't share much with the poor. It was also a time when the newly formed FBI extended its reach as a law enforcement entity. *A&E*

Doomsday 2012 *The End of Days* It is a doomsday that is foretold in the Mayan calendar, the Chinese oracle of the I Ching...even in an Internet-based prophetic software program: December 21st, 2012. Is there any truth to the prophecy that the world will end on that specific date? And why do so many oracles throughout history seem to point to that same dreaded doomsday? This fascinating special cuts through the myths and offers a fact-based examination of the Doomsday prophecy. Also included is a bonus documentary: Mayan Doomsday Prophecy which delves even deeper into meaning behind the Mayans and their apocalyptic calendar. *A&E*

Angels & Demons *Decoded* Sort out fact and fiction in this illuminating documentary, which reveals the truth behind the secret societies, religious conspiracies and hidden Roman symbols prominently featured in Dan Brown's novel *Angels & Demons*. In addition to leading symbologists, art historians and religious scholars, this program also includes footage from the best-selling book's movie adaptation and interviews with director Ron Howard and star Tom Hanks. *A&E*

Moonshot From their incredible lunar landing to their safe return back to Earth, shadow the intrepid astronauts of Apollo 11, Neil Armstrong (Daniel Lapaine), Buzz Aldrin (James Marsters) and Michael Collins (Andrew Lincoln), as they explore outer space and take "one giant leap for mankind." Blending convincing reenactments with original NASA footage, this docudrama offers viewers an insider's perspective of one of modern history's most important events. *A&E*

Into The Storm A sequel to HBO's award-winning film *The Gathering Storm*, Thaddeus O'Sullivan's *Into The Storm* stars Brendan Gleeson as the intrepid British leader whose fiery rhetoric inspired Allied forces to fight back against Hitler's Germany. As the flames of war spread throughout Europe, Winston Churchill rose to the call and became a national hero, disregarding the detrimental effects his actions had on both his political career and his marriage to lifelong supporter Clemmie (Janet McTeer) in a single-minded effort to defeat one of history's greatest tyrants. *A&E*

500 Days of Summer When his girlfriend, Summer (Zoey Deschanel), unceremoniously dumps him, greeting-card copywriter and hopeless romantic Tom (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) begins sifting through the year-plus worth of days they spent together, looking for clues to what went awry. As he recalls the good and bad times he spent with the commitment-phobic girl, his heart reawakens to what it cherishes most. Marc Webb directs this uncommon love story. *Fox*

Bleach Volume 23 This hit Japanese anime series based on the manga by Tite Kubo follows the adventures of spirit-seeing teen superhero Ichigo Kurosaki as he and his supernatural sidekick, Rukia Kuchiki, round up lost souls. Ichigo first inherits his powers from a wounded Rukia, who is in fact a shinigami, or soul reaper. Forced to live temporarily in an artificial human body, Rukia must combine her otherworldly abilities with Ichigo's. Vol. 23 includes episodes 92-95. *Viz/Warner*

Bleach *The Bount Season 4 Part 1* Ichigo and his friends return from the Soul Society to the World of the Living and try to resume their normal lives. But when strange abductions start happening, it's up to them to solve the riddle. More Soul Reapers arrive to help uncover the truth behind a mysterious clan known as Bounts. Will these allies be strong enough to stop the Bount leader from stealing human souls and feeding his dangerous ambition? *Viz/Warner*

Naruto Shippuden 4 The epic adventures continue in these episodes from the hit anime series that follows the exploits of young ninja Naruto, who has just returned home from a years-long training mission with legendary warrior Jiraiya. As Naruto takes on his former master with the help of his old pal Sakura -- who's gained some impressive new powers herself -- members of the dreaded Akatsuki seek to capture Naruto's former rival, Gaara. Vol. 4 contains episodes 14-17. *Viz/Warner*

Naoki Urasawa's *Monster Box Set 1* Kenzou Tenma, an up-and-coming brain surgeon living and working in Germany, defies authority by saving the life of a boy felled by a gunshot. When he consequently loses both his hospital career and his fiancée, his life takes a fateful turn. Nine years later, the boy returns as a cold and possibly dangerous young man. Amid a string of murders, Tenma sets out to learn the truth about him while clearing his own name in this anime suspense series. *Viz/Warner*

Blood *The Last Vampire* In post-World War II Japan, a top secret government agency sends the teenage katana-wielding half-vampire Saya (Gianna Jun) to an American military base with the assignment of routing out a demon who's masquerading as a student. A series of violent swordfights leads our heroine to a confrontation with the formidably deadly vampire Onigen (Koyuki). Based on the anime film and TV series, this live-action horror thriller also stars Allison Miller. *Sony*

It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia *A Very Sunny Christmas* The gang decides to give up their backstabbing ways and embrace the giving spirit of the holiday season. Of course if you know Charlie, Dennis, Mac, Dee, and Frank, you realize that this is something that could never happen, and by the time Christmas Eve rolls around the Paddy's crew has proved that they're no less morally bankrupt than they were the last time Santa's sleigh came flying into Philadelphia. *Fox*

George Lopez *Tall, Dark & Chicano* In his second stand-up special for HBO, recorded live in San Antonio, Texas, in August 2009 Latino pride reigns in this comedy special from one of America's top funny men. In *Tall, Dark & Chicano*, nothing is safe from George Lopez's wit, including the sacred purity (and gas-inducing tendencies) of Mexican food, the joy of Sonia Sotomayor's confirmation as a Supreme Court judge, and the silliness of Caucasian baby names. For the taping of this HBO special, the comedian sold out the huge arena at the AT&T Center in San Antonio. *HBO*

The Fugitive *Season 3, Volume 2* The classic television thriller continues with the second half of the third season as Richard Kimble (David Janssen) dodges dogged cop Lt. Philip Gerard (Barry Morse) and hopscotches the country seeking the elusive one-armed man who killed Kimble's wife. This collection of episodes finds Kimble visiting his ailing mentor, helping a young violin prodigy, rescuing plane crash victims and ironically saving Gerard's life. *Paramount/CBS*

Secrets of the Dead *Killer Flu* Even as doughboys continued their battles in the trenches of World War I, another more virulent killer began stalking the globe. The flu epidemic of 1918 was the deadliest the world has ever known, claiming 40 million lives in the span of one year--four times the number of casualties of the entire war. Eighty-five years later, the exact causes of the epidemic's strength are still unknown, but this episode of PBS' *Secrets of the Dead* series documents modern scientists' search to discover the answer and prevent another such outbreak. *PBS*

The Hills *Run Red* When they hear there's a complete print of their favorite slasher movie hidden in their hometown's backwoods, a group of horror movie buffs heads out in search of the celluloid treasure. Once arriving at their destination, they discover that the carnage captured in the movie was completely real, and worse yet, the filmmakers are looking to spill more blood before they're ready to call "cut." Sophie Monk and William Sadler star. *Warner*