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Indiana Jones The Adventure Collection: This multi-pack collects Steven Spielberg and George Lucas's Indiana Jones Trilogy, in which Harrison Ford portrays the titular globe-trotting archaeologist. Titles include *Raiders Of The Lost Ark*, *Indiana Jones and The Temple Of Doom*, and *Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade*. *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* Action-packed and adventure-filled, *Raiders Of The Lost Ark* is director Steven Spielberg's loving homage to the Saturday matinee cliffhanger serials of his childhood. When the Allies discover the Nazis are planning to use the Lost Ark of the Covenant as a weapon, the U.S. government enlists archaeologist-adventurer Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) to locate the biblical treasure chest where the remains of the broken tablets of the Ten Commandments were placed. En route, Jones and his feisty ex-girlfriend, Marion (Karen Allen), must escape the clutches of evil Nazis, duplicitous "natives," and a nest of venomous snakes--not to mention the wrath of God. The groundbreaking special effects and furious, never-ending pace make for a stylish whirlwind of a movie, topped off with a fabulous sense of humor. This bare-knuckled, barn-storming, pot-boiling, eye-popping bucket of Technicolor popcorn became Paramount Pictures' highest-grossing film, and deservedly so--*Raiders Of The Lost Ark* is quite simple one of the most enjoyable movies ever made., *Temple of Doom* rip-roaring prequel to 1981's smash hit *Raiders Of The Lost Ark*. Here dashing, whip-wielding archaeologist-adventurer Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) is joined by comely chanteuse Willie (Kate Capshaw) and a 12-year-old sidekick named Short Round (Ke Huy Quan). Together they search for a mystical stone stolen from an Indian community and stumble upon a dangerous Thuggee cult. Exotic locales, wild chases, death-defying cliffhangers, last-minute rescues, screaming damsels, and tribal sacrifices are the order of the day as the threesome attempt to acquire the stolen stone. A few scenes originally planned for *Raiders Of The Lost Ark* showed up in *Indiana Jones And The Temple Of Doom*--most notably the mine chase sequence, which was part of the 80 percent of *Temple Of Doom* shot on a soundstage. *The Last Crusade* Steven Spielberg's third action-packed entry in the Indiana Jones trilogy evokes the cliffhanger Saturday matinee serials of yesteryear. It's 1938 and Indy (Harrison Ford) receives word that his archaeologist dad, Professor Henry Jones (Sean Connery), has disappeared while on a quest for the Holy Grail. Indy embarks on a search for both his dad and the much-coveted artifact. *The Last Crusade* has a unique twist to the series' traditional opening-sequence cliffhanger. Actor River Phoenix plays an adolescent Indy who, while on a field trip with his Boy Scout troop, finds adventure on a circus train. Spielberg wanted to make the film about a father-and-son relationship, and Connery was his first choice to play Indy's dad.

Paramount

The Great Debaters Denzel Washington directs and stars in this uplifting drama based on a true story about a small East Texas all-black college in 1935 that rises to the top of the nation's debate teams in a duel against Harvard. A poet and debating coach at Wiley College, Professor Melvin Tolson (Washington) sees debating as "a blood sport" and recruits the meanest and brightest, including troubled Henry (Nate Parker), driven Samantha (Jurnee Smollet), and the 14-year-old prodigy James Farmer, Jr. (Denzel Whitaker). Oscar winner Forest Whitaker (no relation) plays Farmer's father, the initially unsupportive president of the school. There's tough training, romantic heat over the attentions of fiery Samantha (the first girl on the team), and some no holds-barred racism (including a witnessed lynching) before the big match-up against the Ivy League school, adding to the overall emotional force. Though feel-good historical competition movies like this have been done before, Washington serves up his effort as a lean, mean family dinner, with minimum fuss and maximum nutritional-educational value. Historical accuracy may be thrown to the wind more than once--Farmer is the only real student among the team, and the final debate was against USC, not Harvard--but the acting is uniformly superb. It's great to watch these kids slowly incorporate Tolson's incredible poise and intellectual rigor into their lives, and the message is as important as ever. *Genius*

Graduation Bright young high school students plot the perfect bank robbery in order to give financial assistance to a friend whose mother has been stricken with cancer. They might have the best of intentions, but the kids realize what they're planning is still a crime. Only one question remains...will it pay? Shannon Lucio, Riley Smith, and Chris Marquette star. *Magnolia*

Fedor Returns Yarennoka From Japan In a sport with no room for mistakes, hesitation, and especially weakness, rising to the top is a momentous achievement--and few mixed martial arts fighters have risen as far as Fedor Emelianenko. Still, even the toughest of the tough have to take a break every one in a while. But on a dark night in Tokyo, Fedor returned to the ring to show the world why he gives other MMA fighters nightmares. Here it is, the fight fans have been waiting for, shot live in Japan along with eight other incredible bouts featuring an international cast of the most intense athletes on the planet. *Magnolia*

Hit Favorites Summertime Fun When it's time to cool off from summer's heat, kids can sit back and enjoy this collection of fun-in-the-sun episodes from five classic shows. Included are "The Wind and the Sun" ("Barney and Friends"); "Dizzy Goes Camping" ("Bob the Builder"); "Thomas and the Rainbow" ("Thomas and Friends"); "Angelina in the Wings" ("Angelina Ballerina"); and "Twitchers in Trouble" ("Fireman Sam"). *Hit Entertainment/Fox*

A Good Man is Hard to Find Adapted from a successful stage play by David Payton, this urban drama focuses on the romantic lives of three contemporary black women: shrewd Rachel (Golden Brooks), upright Charlene (Deborah Cox) and independent Monica (Melissa De Sousa). As the trio grapples with relationship problems and tries to find Mr. Right, they gradually conquer their inner demons and put past mistakes behind them. The supporting cast includes Hill Harper. *Fox*

The Night They Raided Minsky's A raucous and convoluted comic masterpiece packed with all the irreverent spirit of the late-1960s, William Friedkin's *The Night They Raided Minsky's* is a hilarious social critique of the perennial American clash between cosmopolitan arts and puritanical roots. When young Rachel Schpitendavel (Britt Ekland) abandons her rural Amish home for a life as a dancer in New York, she finds herself at Minsky's burlesque, a family operation changing hands from the conservative and skeptical father, Louis Minsky (Joseph Wiseman), to the liberal and daring young son, Billy Minsky (Elliot Gould). Plagued by a dour moral crusader threatening to have the city shut the place down for obscenity, Minsky and company concoct a plan to humiliate the police by advertising a striptease but then switching the program to Rachel's Amish biblical dance at the last moment. Things don't go according to plan when Rachel's furious Amish father, her lovesick gangster boyfriend, and her fellow actors' backstage fight for her love all clash in a climactic catastrophe that results in the surprising accidental invention of the striptease. *Fox*

What Did You Do In The War Daddy? James Coburn stars as Lieutenant Christian in Blake Edwards's whimsical WWII comedy. In Sicily, Allied forces have begun the invasion of Italy. A war-weary company commanded by Captain Cash (Dick Shawn), a stickler for regulations, is assigned to occupy a small town being held by the Italian army. When they arrive during a soccer game, Italian commander Captain Oppo (Sergio Fantoni) requests that the Americans not take the town until after the soccer game and an important wine festival have concluded in order to preserve their honor. The wily Christian persuades Cash to agree. The Americans and Italians happily join forces for an all-day, all-night bacchanal of wine, women, and song. However, their partying is observed by U.S. and German reconnaissance planes who mistake the revelry for streetfighting, and they quickly decide to come to the aid of their respective allies. When the Germans arrive, they find drunken G.I.s in both American and German uniforms and, despite the confusion, begin to round them up. When a fresh American unit arrives, things start to get really interesting. *Fox*

The Flock Hong Kong action crime specialist Andy Lau (Young and Dangerous, *Infernal Affairs*) makes his English-language debut with this psychological thriller concerning a vigilant federal agent in pursuit of a dangerous sex offender. As the search for a missing girl intensifies, a tireless agent assigned the task of training his younger female protégé (Claire Danes) sets out to arrest the paroled sexual deviant whom he believes to be responsible for the crime. *Genius*

If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium In this farcical look at Americans abroad, vacationing Samantha Perkins (Suzanne Pleshette) finds herself wooed by tour guide Charlie Cartwright (Ian McShane). As the busload of travelers rushes through nine countries in 18 days, Samantha ponders whether Charlie's her Mr. Right. The film's numerous cameos include John Cassavetes, Robert Vaughn, Joan Collins, Ben Gazzara, Donovan, Vittorio De Sica and Anita Ekberg. *Fox*