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NEW MOVIES

Agent of Influence DV494 In 1964, when Canadian Ambassador John Watkins (Christopher Plummer) is accused by the CIA of being a spy, he finds himself in a grim struggle to save his life and career. Based on a true story. 2002. Rated (Australia) PG. DV494

American Psycho DV493 In this 80s satire, an ultrahip Wall Street VP (Christian Bale) has a nasty little hobby his fiancée (Reese Witherspoon) doesn't know about: He's a homicidal maniac at night. 2000. Rated R. DV493

Antony and Cleopatra DV513, DVD 21 Beautiful, seductive Cleopatra tempts Marc Antony away from ruling Rome's Eastern Empire. She backs him in his battle against Octavius Caesar, but abandons him in defeat. He kills himself when he hears false rumors of her death. Royal Shakespeare Company production. 1974. DV513, DVD21.

A Beachcomber's Christmas DV492

Dave McGonigal (Dave Thomas), former con artist, hatches a plan for a charity celebrity old-timers hockey game in time for Christmas. 2004. DV492

Becket DV506, DVD13 King Henry II (Peter O'Toole) wants to promote his old drinking buddy, Thomas Becket (Richard Burton), to Archbishop of Canterbury. But the king doesn't know that Becket is an honest man. Based on historical events, and nominated for 12 Academy Awards. 1964. Rated PG-13. DV506, DVD13

Brokeback Mountain DV499 Two young men meet in the summer of 1963 shepherding in the harsh grasslands of Wyoming. A passionate homosexual encounter between them leads to a decades-long love affair. Winner of three Academy Awards and four Golden Globes. Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal star. 2005. Rated R. DV499

Brotherhood of the Wolf DV482 In 1766, King Louis XV sends Gregoire de Fronsac and his blood-brother Mani to hunt the creature stalking Gevaudan province. This cult classic is based on a true story. 2001. Rated R. DV482

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Century Hotel DV485 On the eve of the year 2000, a woman rents room 720 in a hundred-year-old hotel. Seven stories are woven together by an exceptional cast including Colm Feore and Mia Kirshner. 2001. Rated R. DV485

Date Movie DV497 Before Julia Jones (Alyson Hannigan) and the very British, unfortunately named Grant Fockyarder (Adam Campbell) can have their dream wedding, they must confront several obstacles. 2006. Rated PG-13. DV497

David and Goliath DV514, DVD22 Orson Welles plays King Saul of Israel in this Old Testament epic. The Philistines declare war on the Israelites. Saul listens to the prophecies that the new king will be a young shepherd called David. David fights the mighty giant Goliath. 1960. DV514, DVD22.

Dogville DV481 A beautiful fugitive named Grace (Nicole Kidman) hides in Dogville. The citizens first resist her, then embrace her, then resent and torment her. An unforgettable movie from director Lars von Trier. 2003. Rated R. DV481

Eight Below DV501 In the Antarctic, an impending snow storm forces sled-dog trainer Jerry Shepherd (Paul Walker) to leave his dogs at the polar base. He tries to find a sponsor for a rescue mission while his dogs fight for survival. 2006. Rated PG. DV501

Giant of Marathon DV515, DVD23 Steve Reeves plays Phillipides, Captain of the Sacred Guard in Athens. Andromeda, daughter of a city councilor, returns his love, but is betrothed to Theocratus, who plots to help the Persians invade Greece. Enjoy superb battle action sequences and Reeves at the peak of his career. 1959. DV515, DVD23.

Hercules Unchained DV515, DVD24 Hercules (Steve Reeves), now married to Ioli, returns to Thebes to judge a dispute. Along the way, he is seduced by the evil Queen Amphale, whose drink causes him to lose his memory. Excellent fun from the Hercules series and a jewel in the crown of Steve Reeves' film career. 1959. DV515, DVD24

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Infinite Worlds of H.G. Wells In this three-part series, a government agent poses as a reporter and interviews H.G.Wells, who tells of his true love, Jane Robbins, and their adventures that would become the basis for his short stories. 2001.

Part 1 DV483

Part 2 DV488

Part 3 DV489

Jarhead DV496 Swoff (Jake Gyllenhaal), a third-generation enlistee, goes from boot camp to active duty to Middle East deserts with his fellow Marines. Under constant threat of attack, they sustain themselves with sardonic humor. 2005. Rated R. DV496

King Kong DV504 In the 1930s, a group of explorers and filmmakers discover King Kong living in a jungle in Sumatra. A beautiful woman soothes the giant gorilla long enough for him to be subdued and shipped back to New York. 2005. Rated PG-13. DV504

The Lady and the Highwayman DV507, DVD14 In the 1600s, a British lord (Hugh Grant) disguised as a highwayman rescues Lady Panthea (Lysette Anthony). Romance, intrigue and great swordfights ensue. 1989. Rated (UK) PG. DV507, DVD14

Lunch with Charles DV484 A Hong Kong songwriter flies to Canada to save his marriage. Looking for his wife, he meets a singer (Bif Naked). Her ex-boyfriend is thrown together with the missing wife. A fine, offbeat romantic comedy. 2001. Rated (Canada) PG. DV484

Madigan's Million DV512, DVD19 Dustin Hoffman stars as an inept treasury agent sent to Rome to find loot stashed by an American gangster. The amiable klutz gets help from the gangster's pretty daughter (Elsa Martinelli). 1968. Rated G. DV512, DVD19.

O DV487 Hugo Goulding (Josh Hartnett) plots to ruin his enemies. This raw version of Shakespeare's *Othello*, set in the world of prep school basketball, stars Mekhi Phifer, Julia Stiles and Martin Sheene. 2001. Rated R. DV487

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Of Human Bondage DV511, DVD18 As waitress Mildred Rogers, Bette Davis rips up the screen and the heart of a young doctor (Leslie Howard) hopelessly in love with her. Based on the novel by W. Somerset Maugham. 1934. DV511, DVD 18

The Producers DV503 In this film version of the Broadway musical based on the 1968 Mel Brooks movie, Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick scheme to make money by producing a sure-fire flop. Will Ferrell and Uma Thurman also star. 2005. Rated PG-13. DV503

Quill DV486, DVD3 Quill, a Labrador puppy, becomes a guide dog for Watanabe, an ill-tempered man who "would rather sleep than be dragged around by a dog." Quill rises to the challenge in this heartwarming hit from Japan. 2005. DV486, DVD3

Shadow of the Vampire DV490 A German director (John Malkovich) sets out in 1922 to make *Nosferatu*, the most frightening vampire movie ever. His star (Willem Dafoe) is exceedingly committed to his role. This movie contains nudity and violence. 2000. DV490

The Spreading Ground DV491, DVD2 A mayor fears her detectives (Dennis Hopper and Frederic Forrest) may not find a serial killer fast enough, so she secretly hires mobsters and a college-educated hitman. 2000. Rated R. DV491, DVD2

The Strange Love of Martha Ivers DV510, DVD17 In this noir classic, an heiress (Barbara Stanwyck) rises to the top in business. But two men in her life, Van Heflin (her first love) and Kirk Douglas (her husband), make life complicated. Douglas comes off very well in his first big-screen role. 1946. Rated (Canada) PG. DV510, DVD17

Wedding Date DV498 Kat Ellis (Debra Messing) returns to her parents' London home for her sister's wedding. Afraid of seeing her ex-fiance, she hires a top-drawer male escort (Dermot Mulroney) to pose as her new boyfriend. 2005. Rated PG-13. DV498

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FAMILY FAVORITES

Haley and Madonna DV505, DVD1 Haley dreams of the Miss America Pageant, but she expresses herself differently from other girls. With contestant Madonna, she puts on an amazing and touching performance. 2005. DV505, DVD1

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire DV500 In Harry's fourth year at the school, Hogwarts is hosting the Triwizard Tournament. A magical goblet of fire chooses Harry as the fourth champion. 2005. Rated PG-13. DV500

The Magic Sword DV508, DVD15 George (Gary Lockwood) pursues Princess Helene (Ann Helm), kidnapped by evil sorcerer Lokak (Basil Rathbone) with help from an enchanted horse, a magic sword and his mom. Fantastic fun. 1962. DV508, DVD15

The Sword of Lancelot DV509, DVD16 On orders from King Arthur (Brian Aherne), Lancelot (Cornel Wilde) brings the king's betrothed Guinevere (Jean Wallace) to Camelot. Pageantry, romance, and swordfights abound. 1963. DV509, DVD16

To Kill a Mockingbird DV164, DVD20 Gregory Peck won an Oscar for this masterpiece, playing a single-father lawyer confronting racism in a small Alabama town in the 1930s. Brock Peters plays a black man accused of raping a white girl. Robert Duvall appears in his first major screen role as the mentally challenged neighbor "Boo" Radley in this classic coming-of-age story. 1962. DV164, DVD20

Voyage of the Unicorn DV495 Since his wife died, Alan Aisling (Beau Bridges) and his two daughters have lived without joy. But that changes when an elf and a dwarf shanghai them onto a fantastic sailing ship. Award-winning Hallmark film. 2001. DV495

Walt Disney Chicken Little DV502 A little chicken, struck in the head by falling debris, is convinced the sky is falling. The film is colorful, comical, lighthearted and wholesome. The late Don Knotts is the voice of Turkey Lurkey. Rated G. 2005. DV502

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DVD ONLY

Bullet to Beijing DVD8 On the Trans-Siberian Railway to Beijing, Harry Palmer (Michael Caine) finds himself at the center of a plot involving multiple double-cross, the North Koreans, and an arms-for-heroin deal. Based on the books of Len Deighton. 1995. Rated R. DVD8

Dream Storm: A North of 60 Mystery DVD5 A waterlogged corpse washes up on the banks of the Lynx River, and RCMP Corporal Michelle Kenidi recognizes it from a dream. Based on the television series *North of 60*. 2001. DVD5

Heaven's Fury DVD6 Freak lightning storms around the globe threaten to cause the next Ice Age. With her husband Mark and her prodigy son Jeremy, Dr. Valery Landis works to short-circuit the storms and save the planet. 2003. Rated PG. DVD6

Hurricane DVD7 As tropical storm Hilda churns across the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. military personnel and the National Storm Warning Service in Miami join forces to protect local citizens. Compelling docudrama about the 1964 storm. 1974. DVD7

Out of Sync DVD4 A down-and-out record producer (Peter Outerbridge) gets a plum project, but his sexy star (Kari Wuhrer) is tone deaf. He secretly subs another's (Gail O'Grady) voice for hers. Then she insists on performing in concert. 2000. DVD4

Return to Lonesome Dove DVD12 After returning to Lonesome Dove to bury his partner, Augustus McRae, Captain Woodrow Call determines to drive a herd of wild Texas mustangs to Montana. Jon Voight, Barbara Hershey, Rick Schroder, Reese Witherspoon, Lou Gossett Jr. and Oliver Reed star. 1993. DVD12

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Thursday's Game DVD10

Buddies Marvin and Harry use Thursday night's poker game to get away from their wives. Then Harry is fired from a trashy game show, and Marvin begins fretting about his position as a zipper tycoon. This comedy stars Gene Wilder, Bob Newhart, Ellen Burstyn, Cloris Leachman and Rob Reiner. Script by James L. Brooks. 1972. Rated PG. DVD10

Tornado Warning DVD9 After one storm warning turns out to be a false alarm, meteorologist Jake Arledge's now-repaired computer program predicts that a giant twister is about to hit an Oklahoma town--but no one believes him. 2002. DVD9

Two Thousand and None DVD11 A paleontologist (John Turturro) with an incurable disease gives possessions away and exhumes his parents' bones in order to bury them in their homeland, Armenia, in this offbeat comedy-drama. 2000. DVD11

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