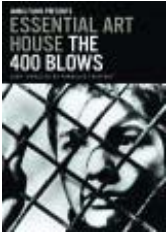




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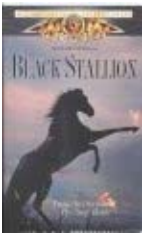


The 400 Blows, François Truffaut, DVD, b&w, \$19.95

Antoine is a young boy in his early teens who has difficulties both at school and at home. His teacher singles him out for criticism and punishment, while his mother is cold and demanding, and frequently argues with her husband (Antoine's stepfather). The family is financially insecure, and Antoine must sleep in a sleeping bag on a cot crammed next to the back entrance to the apartment. Antoine engages in childish mischief, often at the instigation of his friend René, with increasingly dire consequences. This film has been widely acclaimed and has won numerous awards. There is some nudity.

About a Boy, Chris & Paul Weitz, DVD, \$9.95

Will Freeman (Hugh Grant) is a 38-year-old bachelor who prides himself on being "cool". Thanks to royalties from a successful Christmas song that his father composed, Will does not need to work to maintain his leisurely lifestyle. He spends most of his free time smoking, watching television and reading about pop culture. Following an elaborate scheme to meet eligible women, Will meets Marcus, a 12-year-old, introverted and eccentric boy with a depressed and suicidal mother. Though at first Will is quite put off with Marcus' interest in him, a very touching bond between the two develops.

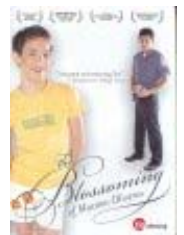


Black Stallion, Francis Ford Coppola, DVD, color, \$14.95

While traveling with his father, young Alec becomes fascinated by a mysterious Arabian stallion that is brought on board and stabled in the ship he is sailing on. When the ship tragically sinks both he and the horse survive only to be stranded on a deserted island. Alec befriends the horse, so when finally rescued both return to his home where they soon meet Henry Dailey, a once successful trainer. Together they begin training The Black to race against the fastest horses in the world.

The Blossoming of Maximo Oliveros, Auraeus Solito, DVD, color, \$16.95

Maxi (Nathan Lopez) is a 12-year-old effeminate gay boy who lives in the slums with his father and brothers who are petty thieves. The story primarily revolves around the conflict between his love for handsome young police officer Victor (J. R. Valentin), and his family's illegal livelihood. Neo-realist in orientation, the film is a tale of lost innocence and redemption amidst the poverty of Manila's slums. The boy actor Nathan Lopez is not himself gay but puts on a very convincing act.



Captains Courageous, Victor Fleming, DVD, b&w, \$19.95

Pampered Harvey Cheyne (Freddie Bartholomew) has his butler bring him breakfast in bed to impress visiting schoolmates. Later, as the boys travel back to their exclusive private school in the Cheyne's chauffeur-driven limousine, Harvey attempts bribery and other ploys to get his way with his classmates. Harvey finds himself eventually shunned by them and rebels against the school's discipline. When the headmaster informs Mr. Cheyne that his son has been suspended for the remainder of the term, the mogul realizes that the boy needs closer attention and guidance. Cheyne decides to take his son with him on a business trip to Europe. En route, Harvey falls overboard from a transatlantic steamship and is rescued by Manuel (Spencer Tracy) and taken aboard the fishing vessel. Harvey fails to persuade the captain to take him ashore, nor convince the crew of his wealth. However, the captain of the vessel, the *We're Here*, Disko Troop (Lionel Barrymore), offers him a low-paid job as part of the crew until they return to port months later. With no other choice, Harvey accepts. He is befriended by Captain Troop's son, Dan (Mickey Rooney), and begins to learn the ways of working at sea. The story that ensues, especially the bond between Harvey and Manuel, is very touching. Take out your handkerchief!

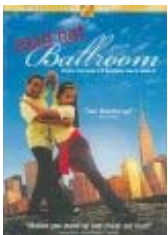


Finding Neverland, Marc Forster, DVD, color, **\$14.95**

This semi-biographical film examines writer James M. Barrie's platonic relationship with Sylvia Llewelyn Davies and his close friendship with her sons, who inspired the classic play *Peter Pan, or The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up*. Today, such relationship with young boys would at the very least bring suspicion and condemnation. James Barrie, in today's environment, would very likely be accused of criminal charges such as experienced by Michael Jackson.

Lord of the Flies, Peter Brook, DVD, original b&w film with extra features from the Criterion Collection, **\$42.95**

Film adaptation of the allegorical novel by Nobel Prize-winning author William Golding. A group of British school-boys stuck on a deserted island try to govern themselves with disastrous results. The novel has been chosen by *TIME* magazine as one of the one hundred best English-language novels from 1923 to present. This more expensive Criterion Collection version is well worth the price for all its extra features. The film, though in b&w is far superior to a more recent version that departs greatly from the novel. This film has nudity and violence.



Mad Hot Ballroom, Marilyn Agrelo, DVD, color, **\$12.95**

Based on a feature article written by Sewell, *Mad Hot Ballroom* looks inside the lives of eleven-year-old New York City public school kids who journey into the world of ballroom dancing and reveal pieces of themselves along the way. Told from the students' perspectives, the film highlights the cultural diversity that is the soul of New York City as the children strive toward the final citywide competition. The grace and the joy displayed by these wonderful youngsters is a pleasure to behold.

Ma Vie en Rose (My Life in Pink), Alain Berliner, DVD, color, **\$24.95**

The title in French has two meanings in that the protagonist seven-year-old Ludovic has a very optimistic view of his predicament. (S)he is a girl in a boy's body! To the consternation of his parents, Ludovic insists on dressing as a girl and even "marries" the son of his father's boss. Unable to comprehend their son's identity as a girl, the parents nevertheless love their child and must deal with an unsympathetic boss and neighbors. Ludovic is played by (small for his age) Belgian eleven-year-old Georges du Fresne. Director Alain Berliner who appeared with du Fresne at the New Directors/New Films in New York at the time of the film's opening translated for the boy. Du Fresne was asked how it felt to play such a role. Du Fresne does not have a gender identity issue. The director who initially tried to use a transgender actor found that the emotional obstacle made that an unworkable choice.

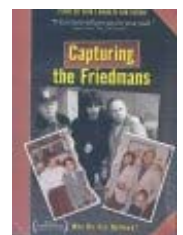


Millions, DVD, Danny Boyle, DVD, color, **\$14.95**

The screenplay was also transcribed into a children's novel. This charming story is set in the England in the near future, just as the euro is about to replace the pound sterling. When they unwittingly come into possession of the proceeds of a train robbery, brothers Damian and Anthony find themselves with millions of pounds to spend in the next 17 days. Damian believes the money comes from God, and should be spent to do good, while Anthony has different ideas. Meanwhile, the robbers are looking for their money... The interplay between the two brothers is a pleasure to watch. Don't miss this absolutely charming movie.

Capturing the Friedmans, Andrew Jarecki, DVD (2-disk set), previously viewed, top condition **\$22.95**

A colossal Injustice: In the 80's, in the upper-middleclass district of Great Neck, the awarded Professor Arnold Friedman is arrested for possession of some magazines of child pornography. A further investigation of the police discloses that apparently Arnold and his eighteen years old son Jesse molested his young students during their private computer class. Their Jewish family tears apart with the situation and the sentences of Arnold and Jesse. This documentary is an important document for all who are concerned with the dangers of rampant hysteria.



The Client, Joel Schumacher, VHS or DVD, color, previously viewed, top condition **\$9.95**

A street-wise kid, Mark Sway, sees the suicide of Jerome Clifford, a prominent Louisiana lawyer, whose current client is Barry 'The Blade' Muldano, a Mafia hit-man. Before Jerome shoots himself, he tells Mark where the body of Senator Boyd Boyette is buried. Mark escapes, and Clifford shoots himself. Mark is found at the scene, and both the FBI and the Mafia quickly realize that Mark probably knows more than he says. Mark decides he needs a lawyer, and goes looking for one. He finds Reggie Love, who also becomes convinced that Mark knows more than he says, but Mark isn't talking... This film portrays a boy with intelligence and wisdom. Tense and suspenseful!



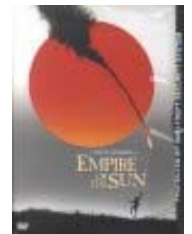
The Emperor's Club, Michael Hoffman, VHS, color, previously viewed, top condition **\$9.95**



William Hundert, a retired "old-school" classics teacher is passionate about his subject. Moreover, he strongly believes in moulding his students by using principles. However, his methods are put to the test by a new student, Sedgewick Bell who shakes Hundert's controlled world and threatens to undermine all that he stands for. Hundert's challenge is to change this young man while maintaining his integrity. Lessons abound for the students and teacher culminating in a reunion 25 years later.

Empire of the Sun, Steven Spielberg, DVD, color, **\$14.95**

This film is of epic proportion and truly magnificent. It is the coming of age story of Jamie, a privileged young English boy living in Shanghai's British enclave in 1937. When the Japanese invade, Jamie is separated from his parents and is forced to fend for himself. When Jamie is put in a prisoner of war camp, he forms a relationship with a number of men and later with a Japanese boy who aspires to be a Kamikaze. For those who admire the pure timbre of boy soprano voices, the beginning sequence is not to be missed. This film has violent scenes.

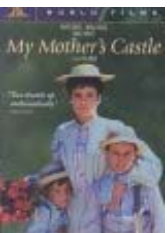


Murmur of the Heart, Louis Malle, DVD, color, **\$29.95**

This is a coming of age story about a 14-year-old boy growing up in bourgeois surroundings in Dijon, France. At the beginning, the film shows the adventures of the boy in the school and his first sexual experience at a brothel. When the boy is found to have a heart murmur after a bout of scarlet fever, he goes with his mother to a sanatorium, where a series of circumstances lead to a sexual encounter. Jazz music by Charlie Parker, member of the cast, Dizzy Gillespie and books from Bataille, Proust, and Camus features prominently in the film. Some nudity.

My Father's Glory, Marcel Pagnol, DVD, color, **\$14.95**

This autobiographical film is reminiscent of the director's idyllic boyhood. Marcel was born in the country but raised in Marseille. His father, Joseph, is a hard-working strongly atheist public school teacher in Marseille. The film focuses on one summer when Marcel's extended family spends a summer in the countryside outside Marseille. A salient episode in the summer in question has Marcel meeting Lili, a boy well versed in country ways. The two form a close friendship. Another delightful confection! Some charming nude scenes.

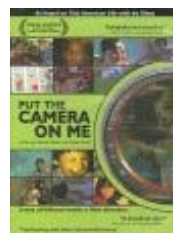


My Mother's Castle, Marcel Pagnol, DVD, color, **\$14.95**

The sequel to *My Father's Glory* follows the adventures of Marcel's family when they decide to again spend Christmas and summer holidays at the same country house. The sequel is as delightful as the first.

Put the Camera on Me, Adam Shell and Darren Stein, DVD, color, **\$22.95**

An IMDB poster says: "From the beginning, I was amused at the fact that the boys in the films seemed to appear shirtless whenever possible. Later, Darren comments about his budding homosexuality, and you can see it from the hints (big hints!) of flamboyance at an early age. Maybe it was just the warm Southern California weather, who knows? As a gay man who also grew up in a nurturing environment, it's great to see that his parents supported and loved him, and that his friends seemed to be entranced with his nascent talent behind the lens." At one point, a boy moons the camera. Shield your eyes if that bothers you.





Never Ending Story II, George Miller, DVD, color, **\$9.95**

Bastian Bux is having troubles at home; his father cannot relate to him and Bastian's fear of high places is hurting him on the swim team. Bastian flees from his problems to an old bookstore, when after picking up the NeverEnding Story book, he hears the Childlike Empress tell him that he is needed to save Fantasia.

Son of Rambow, DVD, color, **\$22.95**

According to an IMDB poster: "The performances by all the children were exceptional, especially Carter who is the movie's sparkplug and provides comic relief frequently. As well as Didier the French exchange student who is a whimsical example of how absurd the whole new wave trends of the day were, his appearances are all wildly amusing. The movie also has a fair amount of quirky animations and dream sequences that offer visual pleasures for the eyes and bring childhood doodles to life. The movie is just a brilliant little idea and it plays out so very well in all the settings and the characters are extremely likable in all manners. It should play great for almost all ages."



The Wild Child, François Truffaut, DVD, b&w **\$14.95**

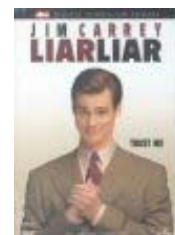


Provocative, engaging, and moving, this movie is an absolute wonder - elegant, artful, with breathtaking use of Vivaldi's music, with amazing performance from Jeanne-Pierre Cargol as a Wild Child of the title, the young boy who was found living in the forest outside a village in 1790th France. Based on the book of the physician Itard (played by François Truffaut) who took the boy in and tried to teach him how to live among humans. The contrast between the narrator's (Itard's) passionless voice and his growing emotional attachment to the boy is heartbreaking.

Bargain Corner

Liar Liar, Tom Shadyak, VHS, color, previously viewed, top condition **\$5.95**

Roger Ebert: "Carrey plays a yuppie lawyer whose career is on the rise but whose wife (Maura Tierney) has divorced him and whose 5-year-old son (Justin Cooper) no longer believes a word he says. "My dad's a liar," the kid says in class. "You mean a *lawyer,*" the teacher says. The kid shrugs: whatever. Carrey is so wrapped up in cases that he even misses the kid's birthday party. So the kid closes his eyes and blows out the candles on the cake and makes a wish: He hopes that for one day his dad won't tell a lie." What ensues is a comedic gem!



Little Big League, Andrew Scheinman, DVD, color, **\$5.95**

According to an IMDB reviewer: "Touching, if improbable film about a young boy who inherits a major league baseball team after his grandfather passes away. Robards makes a nice turn as the grandfather. The film is pleasant enough for families and for true fans of the game." This movie got two thumbs up from Siskel and Ebert.

The following films are all excellent condition, previously viewed VHS films. Each costs \$5.95, but quantities are limited and alternate choices should be indicated. The VHS format is still an excellent medium for good quality viewing.

To Kill a Mockingbird, The Last Emperor, Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, Avalon Jurassic Park, Dead Poets Society, Searching for Bobby Fischer, The Mosquito Coast, E.T., The Accidental Tourist, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, Sling Blade, Forever Young.