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Yes Man Jim Carrey returns to hilarious form with this romantic comedy in the same vein as the Carrey classic *Liar Liar*. After a few stints in more serious features like *Eternal Sunshine Of The Spotless Mind* and *The Number 23*, Carrey seems right at home playing Carl, a divorcee who starts out the film depressed and withdrawn, scared of taking a risk. Pressured by his best friend, Peter (Bradley Cooper), to get his act together or be stuck with a lonely life, Carl attends a New Age self-help seminar intended to change "no men" like Carl into "yes men" willing to meet life's challenges with gusto. Carl is reluctant at first, but finds the seminar to be ultimately life-changing when he's coerced into giving the "say yes" attitude a try. As the first opportunity to say yes presents itself, Carl hesitantly utters the three-letter word, setting the stage for a domino effect of good rewards, and giving Carrey a platform to show off his comic chops. But over time Carl realizes that saying yes to everything indiscriminately can reap results as complicated and messy as his life had become when saying "no" was his norm. The always-quirky Zooey Deschanel adds her signature charm as Carl's love interest, Allison. An unlikely match at first glance, the pair actually develop great chemistry as the story progresses, the actors playing off each other's different styles of humor. Rhys Darby also shines as Carl's loveable but clueless boss, and *That 70s Show's* Danny Masterson appears as another one of Carl's friends. *Warner*

Dallas Season II Sucking in viewers with the dramas, scandals, and intrigues of the Texan elite, *Dallas* quickly became a national sensation after debuting in 1978. The most popular nighttime soap since the 1960s series *Peyton Place*, the series would run for a total of 13 seasons and become one of the biggest hits of the '80s. Driven principally by the dramatic affairs of the rich Ewing family, *Dallas* derived much of its drama from its characters' pursuit of money, sex, and power. Starring Larry Hagman as the nefarious J.R. Ewing, the series also boasted a talented supporting cast, including Barbara Bel Geddes, Patrick Duffy, Linda Gray, Priscilla Presley, and many more. The wicked fun continues with this 11th season of duplicity and murder, as J.R. scrambles to wrest back control of Ewing. Disc 1 includes the following episodes (1-10): "After the Fall: Ewing Rise," "After the Fall: Digger Redux," "The Son Also Rises," "Gone with the Wind," "The Lady Vanishes," "Tough Love," "Last Tango in Dallas," "Mummy's Revenge," "Hustling" and "Bedtime Stories." Additional Actors: Alyson Croft, Omri Katz, Deborah Rennard, Sheree J. Wilson, Fern Fitzgerald, Don Starr, Bert Remsen, Morgan Brittany, Kenneth Tigar, Dixie Taylor, Andrew Stevens, Roseanna Christiansen, Shalane McCall, John Calvin, Jack Scalia, Amy Stock-Poynton, George Petrie, Bill Morey. Disc 2 includes the following episodes (11-20): "Loves and Other Liars," "Brothers and Sons," "Brother, Can You Spare a Child?," "Daddy's Little Darlin'," "It's Me Again," "Marriage on the Rocks," "Anniversary Waltz," "Brotherly Love," "The Best Laid Plans" and "Farlow's Follies." Additional Actors: Leigh Taylor-Young, Joshua Harris, Deborah Traneli, Sherri Lynn Rettino, Blue Deckert, Elaine Wilkes, Lee Gideon, Kehfy Gray, Danone Simpson, Morgan Woodward, Jack Collins, Grace Simmons, Sue Casey, Annabel Schofield, B.J. Ward, Tom Fucello, Charles Grant, Karen Kopins. Disc 3 includes the following episodes (21-30): "Malice in Dallas," "Crime Story," "To Have and to Hold," "Dead Reckoning," "Never Say Never," "Last of the Good Guys," "Top Gun," "Pillow Talk," "Things Ain't Goin' So Good at Southfork, Again" and "The Fat Lady Singeth." Additional Actors: Mark Lindsay Chapman, James Brown, Marlana Giova, John Anderson, Donna Mitchell, Joseph Campanella, James Avery, Sage Parker, Karen Kopins, Bruno Marcotulli, Tim Rossovich, Laurel Lockhart, Erich Anderson, Howard Duff, William Smithers, David Haskell, Marie Berry, Tom McGreevey. *Warner*

Knots Landing: First Season CBS produced fourteen seasons of *Knots Landing*, which began as a spin-off from *Dallas*. The plot followed Gary Ewing (Ted Shackelford) as he moved to Southern California, escaping the overbearing attentions of the Ewing clan. But in the community of *Knot's Landing*, Gary finds more strife as he encounters the various characters who live in the area, including his boss, Sid Fairgate (Don Murray); Sid's wife, Karen (Michele Lee); record industry bigwig Kenny Ward (James Houghton) and his wife, Ginger (Kim Lankford); and attorney Richard Avery (John Pleshette) and his wife, Laura (Constance McCashin). In the show's first season, J.R. Ewing (Larry Hagman) pays his brother a visit; Laura (Constance McCashin) falls prey to a predatory artist; Valene (Joan Van Ark) confronts her errant mother (Julie Harris); and Kenny (James Houghton) dons a gorilla suit to win Ginger (Kim Lankford) back. Disc 1 contains the episodes: pilot, "Community Spirit" and "Let Me Count the Ways." Additional Actors: Steve Shaw, Patrick Duffy, Karen Allen, Justin Dana, Larry Hagman, Joseph Hacker, Robert DoQui, Sherri Stoner, Fran Bennett. Disc 2 contains the episodes: "The Lie," "Will the Circle Be Broken," and "Home Is for Healing." Additional Actors: Christopher Allport, Steve Shaw, Don "Red" Barry, Louise Vallance, Charlene Tilton, Christopher Murray. Disc 3 contains the episodes: "Land of the Free," "Civil Wives" and "Constant Companion." Additional Actors: Steve Shaw, Tony Becker, Joseph Hoover, Claudette Nevins, Priscilla Pointer, Daniel J. Travanti. Disc 4 contains the episodes: "Small Surprises" and "Courageous Convictions." Additional Actors: Steve Shaw, Harry Bellaver, Kevin O'Brien. Disc 5 contains the episodes: "Bottom of the Bottle (Part 1)" and "Bottom of the Bottle (Part 2)." Additional Actors: Louise Vallance, Hal Williams, Bob Levine. *Warner*

Knots Landing: Second Season Love thy neighbor. Words to live by for Sid's sexy sister Abby Cunningham - especially with the male neighbors in her new hometown, *Knots Landing*. Maybe it's Abby's influence, but bed-hopping becomes the latest cul-de-sac sport. Who cheats? It's simpler to list who doesn't in this sizzling 4-Disc Season 2 Set of the long-running hit series. And there's a lot more excitement: J.R. and Bobby Ewing swap Texas drilling for California dreaming and visit, crooks muscle in on Gary, a hitchhiker accuses Sid of rape, armed robbers hold the cul-de-sac women hostage... and the season ends with a genuine cliffhanger: Sid careening toward a seaside cliff after someone tampers with his car. Disc 1 includes the following episodes (1-5): "Hitchhike: Part 1," "Hitchhike: Part 2," "Remember the Good Times," "Change of a Lifetime" and "Kristen." Additional Actors: Stacy Keach, Bobby Jacoby, Pat Petersen, Claudia Lonow, Conchata Ferrell, Tonya Crowe, Ruth Cox, Ron Rifkin, Richard Venture, Robert Phalen, Paul Rudd, Steve Shaw, Denise Galik-Furey, David Haskell. Disc 2 includes the following episodes (6-10): "Step One," "Breach of Faith," "Scapegoats," "A Family Matter" and "Choices." Additional Actors: Helen Hunt, Larry Hagman, Louise Vallance, Jane Elliot, Dan Shor, John Dukakis, Steven Hirsch, William Boyett, Robert Symonds, Dani Minnick. Disc 3 includes the following episodes (11-14): "A State of Mind," "Players," "The Loudest Word" and "Moments of Truth." Additional Actors: Patrick Duffy, Danny Gellis, Barry Jenner, Bernard Behrens, Kale Browne, Fran Myers, Arthur Rosenberg, Rita Taggart, Stanley Grover, Dan Hamilton. Disc 4 includes the following episodes (15-18): "Man of the Hour," "More Than Friends," "Designs" and "Squeeze Play." Additional Actors: Eric Stoltz, Cynthia Harris, Lisle Wilson, Jill Cohen, Nick Angotti, Marcia Solomon. *Warner*

The Wrestler When this story of a past-his-prime performer is compared to *PI*, *Requiem For A Dream*, and *The Fountain*, there is relatively little trace of psychoscientific addiction imagery, hip-hop editing, or grimly elegant peeks into dreams, nightmares, and otherworlds. Comic moments are plentiful. Aronofsky's signature close-ups of faces have been replaced with ones that force themselves into wounds inflicted for visceral spectacle. Much of the time the camera floats and bobs with an observant, almost documentary-like quietness, ethereally following the wrestler as if it were his past, and the viewer may perceive vague connections to a later, lonelier, less legitimate Rocky Balboa. But Mickey Rourke isn't the Italian Stallion--he's Randy "The Ram" Robinson, a man who has spent decades slicing himself open in choreographed fights while adoring crowds roar. Pro wrestling isn't as lucrative as it was for Randy in the 1980s, but he stays at it while working menial jobs because performing isn't just the only thing he craves--it's the only thing that, at 50, he knows how to crave. While courting his one true friend, a stripper named Cassidy (Marisa Tomei), Randy does his best to restart a relationship with the angry daughter he abandoned. But Rourke imbues the image of Randy, ready to pounce from the ropes, looking almost as unreal as the box art on action figure packaging, with an expression of pain, desperation, and joy. It's a close-up that makes two things clear. For one, Randy's charisma is inseparable from the crippling fixation that's kept him alive. For another, *The Wrestler* might be at once a simpler and more complex meditation on addiction and eternal struggle than any of Aronofsky's earlier work. *Fox*

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Barney Miller 3rd Season This classic television comedy, which ran on ABC from 1975-'82, details the exploits of Greenwich Village police captain Barney Miller (Hal Linden) and his diverse group of coworkers as they deal with an endless stream of strange characters--criminal and otherwise--on the job. Notable for its stellar cast and smart, character-driven story lines, Barney Miller was a success with critics and audiences alike. The strong cast includes Abe Vigoda (whose character, Detective Fish, got his own spinoff series in 1978), Max Gail, Ron Glass, Jack Soo, Barbara Barrie, and Gregory Sierra. Highlights include a quarantine at the station, Election Day high jinks, a man who thinks he's a werewolf, Fish (Abe Vigoda) as an undercover Santa, hash-laced brownies and the threat of a strike in a season-capping Part One & Part Two. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Evacuation," "Quarantine: Part 1," "Quarantine: Part 2," "The Election," "Werewolf," "Bus Stop," "Recluse" and "Non-Involvement." Additional Actors: Joe Petruccio, Kenneth Mars, Paul Lichtman, Ray Stewart, Jack DeLeon, Paula Shaw, Howard Honig, Brett Somers, Kenneth Tigar, Jon Lormer, Denise Miller, Alex Henteloff. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Power Failure," "Christmas Story," "Hash," "Smog Alert," "Community Relations," "Rand Report" and "Fire '77." Additional Actors: Paul Lichtman, Army Freeman, John Morgan Evans, Jay Gerber, Walter Janowitz, Michael Tucci, June Gable, Joseph Perry, Anna Berger, Martin Garner, Sal Viscuso, Howard Platt. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "The Abduction," "Sex Surrogate," "Moonlighting," "Asylum," "Group Home," "Strike: Part 1" and "Strike: Part 2." Additional Actors: James Cromwell, Florence Stanley, Buddy Lester, David Clennon, Marilyn Sokol, Doris Roberts, George Pentecost, John Dullaghan, Jack DeLeon, Louis Zito, George Murdock, John Cassisi, Peggy Pope. *Sony*

Spider-Man Volume 2 As if Spider-Man didn't have enough to worry about with the emergence of several members of the Sinister Six (including Rhino, Shocker, and The Sandman), he's got an even bigger problem once he takes the suit off and becomes mild-mannered Peter Parker: there's no one to take to the fall formal! This second volume of episodes from the animated children's series that began in 2008 is full of web-slinging fun. *Sony*

Spider-Man Volume 3 With a number of villains seemingly foiled and the lovely Mary Jane on his arm as he attends the high-school fall dance, Peter Parker is about to learn the hard way that a superhero's job is never done. As if Tombstone and Hammerhead weren't bad enough, the formidable Green Goblin and the madly brilliant Dr. Octopus join the legion of New York's super-criminals. Looks like a job for Spider-Man! This second volume of episodes from the animated children's series that began in 2008 is full of wall-crawling fun. *Sony*

Jake and the Fatman Season 2 In the second season of this hit law-and-order show, crusty District Attorney Jason "Fatman" McCabe (William Conrad) and easygoing private eye Jake Styles (Joe Penny) move to Hawaii in order to battle bad guys in paradise. It doesn't take long for the pair to start tangling with a vigilante who kills would-be muggers, a pimp who slays one of his working girls, a bomber who targets the Fatman, a counterfeiter who works for cocaine and more. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Wish You Were Here," "I'll Never Smile Again" and "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered." Additional Actors: Al Harrington, Amy Steel, Bob Fimiani, Brigid Brannagh. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Why Can't You Behave," "Poor Butterfly," "It Ain't Necessarily So" and "Someone To Watch Over Me." Additional Actors: Kenny Endoso, Debra Sandlund, Dann Seki, Steve Dulce. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "They Can't Take That Away From Me," "Side By Side" and "Snow Fall." Additional Actors: Michele Scarabelli, Gary Swanson, Daniel Faraldo, Cecilio Rodrigues. *Paramount/CBS*

Laid To Rest The young woman (Bobbi Sue Luther) in this terrifying slasher film is living a nightmare: she wakes up with amnesia in a coffin, and the only thing she is certain of is that ChromeSkull--a metal-masked serial killer with a video camera--wants her listed as one of his victims. Laid To Rest also stars Kevin Gage, Sean Whalen, Johnathon Schaech, Thomas Dekker, and Lena Headley. Special-effects makeup master Robert Hall takes his second turn in the director's chair with this frightening, gory film that is filled with bursting with blood and brutality. *Anchor Bay*

The Last Word Wes Bentley (American Beauty) brings his trademark brooding edge to the quirky romantic comedy The Last Word. Bentley stars as Evan Merck, a writer who crafts suicide notes for people on the brink. Shortly after one of his clients does the deed, Merck inadvertently meets the deceased's sister, Charlotte (Winona Ryder), and promptly falls in love. Merck lies about his role in her sibling's death, but as the two grow closer, the truth threatens to come out and ruin the best thing he's ever had. *Image*

What Doesn't Kill You For his assured directorial debut, character actor Brian Goodman reaches into his troubled past. What Doesn't Kill You tells the tale of two best friends who grew up in South Boston and fell into a life of petty crime. Brian (Mark Ruffalo) has a beautiful wife (Amanda Peet) and two children, but his addiction to drugs and alcohol keeps him from becoming the father he should be. Paulie (Ethan Hawke) is determined to make a big score so that they can stop scraping by and retire in style. But when a local police officer (co-writer Donnie Wahlberg) finally catches them in the act, they are forced to serve time in jail. Upon returning home, Brian must confront the painful truth that crime is the only life that he knows. Yet, as difficult as it seems, he struggles to clean up his act once and for all, in order to make sure that he never has to leave his family behind again. What Doesn't Kill You is an old-school crime drama, directed with a knowing confidence by Goodman, who himself grew up on the streets of Southie and spent time in prison. Ruffalo and Hawke step into their roles with convincing gusto. In the process, they reaffirm their status as two of their generation's finest actors. What ultimately elevates the film's impact is the realization that this isn't just another thriller; it's the heartfelt story of a man who wants to make a better life for himself and his family. *Sony*

Bride Wars Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway go veiled head to veiled head in this bridal comedy. Childhood friends Liv (Hudson) and Anne (Hathaway) have dreamed of June weddings at the Plaza since they were kids, and now their fantasy is finally within reach. Both young women have gotten proposals, and they've booked their dates at the famed Manhattan landmark. But a mistake in the office of their wedding planner, Marion St. Claire (Candice Bergen), causes their weddings to be scheduled on the same day, and neither woman will budge. Harsh words escalate into sabotage, and each woman craftily plots the demise of the other's wedding until events reach a screeching, squealing pitch on a sunny June day. With roles in films such as How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days and My Best Friend's Girl, Hudson has perfected starring in light comedies. In Bride Wars, she doesn't take her usual romantic route, and she displays good chemistry with the always fine Hathaway. The romances between the brides and their respective grooms (Everwood's Chris Pratt and Reba's Steve Howey) aren't the point; instead, it's the creative one-upmanship that Liv and Emma engage in to the detriment of their lifelong friendship. *Fox*

Into The Blue 2: The Reef Beautiful reefs and unsavory transgressions meet again in this sequel to the hit action-adventure thriller starring Jessica Alba, Paul Walker, and Josh Brolin. This time the danger is foisted upon unassuming professional scuba divers Dani (Laura Vandervoort) and Sebastian (Chris Carmack), a young, money-strapped couple who can't turn down the hefty compensation offered by some suspicious clients who want to take a tour of the local Hawaiian reefs. Far from land and anyone who can help, Dani and Sebastian soon realize it's going to take every ounce of strength and courage they can muster if they hope to survive not only the deadly waters, but also the vicious criminals who brought them there. *Fox*

Dynasty 4th Season Volume 1 Epitomizing the glamour and decadence of 1980s Reagan-era America, Dynasty was essentially a primetime soap opera characterized by campy, melodramatic plotlines, as well as by Joan Collins's magnetic performance as the conniving Alexis Colby. She is divorced from Blake Carrington (John Forsythe), a fabulously wealthy oil magnate who marries his secretary, Krystle Jennings (Linda Evans), at the show's inception--while the jealous Alexis schemes to do everything she can to destroy their union. The rest of the cast includes Blake and Alexis's children, the promiscuous amnesiac Fallon (Pamela Sue Martin) and the sexually ambivalent Steven (Jack Coleman), as well as resident geologist Matthew Blaisdel (Bo Hopkins) and his psychotic wife, Claudia (Pamela Bellwood). This collection presents the first batch of episodes from the show's fourth season, featuring former president Gerald Ford and his wife, Betty Ford, as guest stars. Tensions run high in the fourth season of this smash-hit nighttime soap, as oil baron Blake Carrington (John Forsythe) and his bisexual son, Steven (Jack Coleman) -- once presumed dead in an accident overseas -- launch a bitter battle for custody of Steven's son, Danny. Meanwhile, African-American singer Dominique Deveraux (Diahann Carroll) creates quite a stir when she reveals her surprising connection to the Carrington clan. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "The Arrest," "The Bungalow," "The Note," "The Hearing: Part 1" and "The Hearing: Part 2." Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Tender Comrades," "Tracy," "Dex," "Peter De Vilbis" and "The Proposal." Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Carousel," "The Wedding," "The Ring" and "Lancelot." *Paramount/CBS*