

# New On Video & DVD

**Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay** America's favorite pothead pals, Harold (John Cho) and Kumar (Kal Penn), return with an uproariously un-PC sequel that skewers everything from racial prejudice to the president of the United States. Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay picks up shortly after the first film, cult favorite Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle, as the boys plan an impromptu trip to the Mecca of Marijuana: Amsterdam. There, Harold will unite with the love of his life and Kumar will achieve cannabis bliss. The two soon find themselves in hot water when Kumar sneaks a bong onto the flight and is mistaken for a bomb-wielding terrorist. Indeed, after a run-in with racist Homeland Security agent Ron Fox (Rob Corddry of *The Daily Show*), the two land in the hottest water of all: Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After escaping from prison and fleeing back to the U.S., the two set out across country to get help from Harold's politically connected former classmate, who is also marrying the girl that Kumar let get away. Along this odd-ball odyssey they will encounter incestuous rednecks, the KKK, gun-toting prostitutes, and a drugged-out Neil Patrick Harris. But when the ex-classmate turns the two over to the authorities, Harold and Kumar must use their wits--plus a dash of luck and a dose of humility--to earn their freedom, win back their respective loves, and save their friendship. Original writers Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg return for both screenwriting and directing credits, ensuring that the budding franchise retains the same subversive sensibility while upping the audacity of its satire. Frequently raunchy but reveling in the bonds of acceptance and friendship, Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay is a madcap romp that delivers plenty of humorous highs.

*New Line*

**Fletch Collection: Fletch** Loosely based on the book by Gregory McDonald, director Michael Ritchie's *Fletch* is a laugh-out-loud comedy that features a classic performance by Chevy Chase, who stars as Irwin "Fletch" Fletcher, a crack investigative journalist who goes undercover for a story about possible connections between the L.A. police department and the local drug trade. He gets derailed when a Santa Monica businessman, Alan Stanwyk (Tim Matheson), mistakes him for a homeless man and offers him \$50,000 to commit a murder. The man claims to have terminal bone cancer but can't commit suicide if he wants his family to collect on his insurance policy, so he wants Fletch to do his dirty work. Fletch pretends to accept the offer and finds that it leads him deeper into the heart of his own investigation. Working from a crackling script by Andrew Bergman, Chase relishes every line of dialogue written for his goofy, master-of-disguise character, making Fletch one of the most influential and oft-quoted comedies of the 1980s. Legendary basketball center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar makes a cameo as himself during Fletch's daydream. The film was followed by 1989's *Fletch Lives*, also directed by Michael Ritchie. **Fletch Lives** Director Michael Ritchie and Chevy Chase team up once again for *Fletch Lives*, with Chase reprising the role of Irwin "Fletch" Fletcher, newspaper journalist and master of disguise. When his recently deceased aunt bequeaths her decrepit manor to him, Fletch travels down south to rural Louisiana. Initially, things go well, especially when he hooks up with a flirtatious southern belle. But when he wakes up the morning after, he's shocked to find that she has been murdered. In order to catch the killers and clear himself, the intrepid, chameleon-like Fletch must infiltrate the congregation of Jimmy Lee Farnsworth (R. Lee Erney), a greedy local preacher who wants to gain control of Fletch's land in order to build a Bible-themed amusement park. Written by Leon Capetanos, *Fletch Lives* crackles with the same blend of rapid-fire dialogue and visual jokes as the original, making it a solid sequel that works on its own terms. By thrusting the big city character into a shady small Southern community, Chase is given an entirely new field on which to play. It's this contrast--especially between himself and R. Lee Erney--that provides the film with its loudest laughs. *Universal*

**Tiny Toons Adventures Season 1, Volume 1** Rejoice, potatoes du couch, 'cause they're finally on DVD - in 35 furry, funny, Montana Max-has-money episodes from the debut season. Here you'll find Buster Bunny, Babs Bunny (no relation!), Plucky Duck, Hamton Pig and more denizens of Acme Acres. And here you'll find Acme Looniversity, where the Toonsters are schooled under the wise(guy) guidance of Warner Bros. 'toon legends from Bugs Bunny to Yosemite Sam. The Looney Toons have been shrunk down to size with this animated series that follows the next generation of Warner Brothers characters. In the city of Acme Acres, Buster Bunny, Plucky Duck, Hamton J. Pig, and others attend Acme Looniversity. Within the institution's haloed halls, screen legends such as Bugs Bunny, Porky Pig, and Daffy Duck teach the young up-and-comers how to outsmart coyotes, drop anvils, and blow smoke out of their ears. With a surprisingly sophisticated humor that even adults can enjoy, and lots of physical comedy, each episode follows the precocious bunch as they get in all sorts of hilarious adventures. This collection presents the first 35 episodes from the show's debut season. Disc 1 includes episodes "The Looney Beginning," "A Quack in the Quarks," "The Wheel O' Comedy," "Test Stress," "The Buster Bunny Bunch," "Her Wacky Highness," "Hollywood Plucky" and "Journey to the Center of Acme Acres." Disc 2 includes episodes "It's Buster Bunny Time," "Stuff That Goes Bump in the Night," "Looking Out for the Little Guy," "Starting From Scratch," "Citizen Max," "Hare Raising Night," "Furball Follies" and "The Acme Acres Zone." Disc 3 includes episodes "Life in the 1990's," "Rock 'N Roar," "Promise Her," "Anything," "Hare Today, Gone Tomorrow," "Cinemaniacs," "You Asked for It," "Gang Busters" and "Wake Up Call of the Wild." Disc 4 includes episodes "Buster and the Wolverine," "You Asked for It, Part II," "Europe in 30 Minutes," "The Wacko World of Sports," "Rainy Daze," "Fields of Honey," "Sawdust and Toonsil" and "Spring in Acme Acre." *Warner*

**Garfield's Fun Fest** Garfield emerges victorious at the end of every single Fun Fest, a competition for the best in comic strip characters. It's a given; he can do it with his paws tied behind his back. But this year, it looks like a dashing new contestant by the name of Ramone is going to give everyone's favorite fat cat a run for his lasagna, especially after the G-Man's usual partner-in-fun, Arlene, decides to pair up with the suave new competition and Garfield is saddled with Odie. Can Garfield remain on top? Or is he going to have to slum it with "Family Circus" or, worse yet, go the way of "Marmaduke"? The entire Garfield gang returns for his second all-computer-generated feature-length outing voiced by cartoon vocal actor extraordinaire Frank Welker and written by Garfield creator Jim Davis. *Fox*

**Dave's World Season One** Dave Barry's humorous newspaper columns were adapted to the TV screen in *Dave's World*, a 1990s sitcom starring Harry Anderson (*Night Court*). As a writer for the fictional Miami Record-Dispatch, Dave (Anderson) offers his hilarious perspective on the chaotic world around him. It's a wry take on life that serves him well when dealing with the antics of his own family: wife Beth (DeLane Matthews) and two sons, Tommy and Willie (Zane Carney and Andrew Ducote). Billy Joel's "You May Be Right," performed by Southside Johnny, provides the theme song for the comic show. The collection presents the complete first season. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Pilot," "The Insecurity Team," "Martian Death Flu," "The Anniversary Schmaltz," "The Great Mandala Of Life," "I Sort Of Saw What You Did," "It's A Small Van After All" and "Heat Wave." Additional Actors: Al Fann, Lee Allan, Kevin Lowe, Jessica Tuck. Disc 2 includes the following episodes: "Writer's Block," "Educating Rita," "Death And Mom Take A Holiday," "Exorcising With Dave Barry," "I Saw Mommy Kicking Santa Claus: Part 1," "I Saw Mommy Kicking Santa Claus: Part 2," "Just Kidding" and "The Road Taken." Additional Actors: Florence Henderson, Jodie Mann, Pat Morita, Paul Willson. Disc 3 includes the following episodes: "Shel In Love," "Four Characters In Search Of A Ring," "Lost Weekend," "Rat Story," "Six Years Old And All Washed Up," "The Funeral" and "Saved By Estelle." Additional Actors: Cindy Ambuehl, Edward Hibbert, Lyman Ward, Don Perry. *Paramount/CBS*

**Flying The Secret Sky** In 1940, Nazi air strikes decimated Britain's Royal Air Force fleet of American planes. This intriguing documentary tells of the canny solution that helped restore the Allies' dominance. Volunteer civilian pilots departing from Canada braved long flights across the North Atlantic in the middle of winter to deliver new planes. Interviews, vintage footage and home movies profile the valiant few who undertook this little-known mission. *WGBH Boston*

**Wall Street Warriors: Season 2** Six new up-and-coming movers and shakers of Wall Street star in another season of the reality show where only the toughest survive. Tag along with Laetitia as she tries to get her foot in the Wall Street door; watch as Larry and Jessica go for broke on the commodities market; see Brett try to balance his private equity firm with his charitable work; and follow along as Lance and James supervise their team of young stockbrokers. Disc 1 includes the following episodes: "Up on Futures," "Holding Patterns," "The Hate Index," "The Spread" and "The Open Outcry." Disc 2 This disc includes the following episodes: "Downside Up," "The Squeeze," "Distant Indicators," "Bulls, Bears and Whales" and "Survivors Algorithm." *Infinity*