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### Pop

**LoudQUIETloud: A Film About the Pixies** Plexi, E, £14.99

A fascinating insight into an improbable and improbably successful reunion. The almost tangible awkwardness of the off-stage band translates into their unique avant-grunge.

**Gram Parsons: Fallen Angel** Warner, E, £14.99  
Boasts input from "sources close to": Keith Richards, Emmylou Harris and the Byrds' Chris Hillman.

**PJ Harvey on Tour: Please Leave Quietly** Universal-Island, E, £14.99  
Filmed as she unveils her Uh Huh Her album, a confident on-stage presence is counterpointed by backstage material slotted between songs.

**Elvis Presley: The Ed Sullivan Shows** Sony, E, £19.99  
Less a Christmas gift idea, more a vital historical document, capturing as it does the moment when 60m got their first glimpse and a genre was defined.

### Opera

**Verdi: La traviata** Deutsche Grammophon, E, £14.99  
Anna Netrebko and Rolando Villazon star in this cool modern-dress staging by Willy Decker, from the 2005 Salzburg Festival.

**Wagner: Der Ring des Nibelungen** Warner, E, £100  
Harry Kupfer's epic Bayreuth staging preserves Daniel Barenboim's majestic conducting and a superb cast headed by John Tomlinson's Wotan and Anne Evans's Brünnhilde.

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