

The Deadly Spawn (MVD Visual/Elite Entertainment)

Fans of creature-centric horror will be eager to sink their teeth into this nano-budgeted '80s cult favorite. But despite the necessary corner-cutting (locations included the famous twin artists Greg & Tim Hildebrandt's home) the filmmakers managed to give us a convincingly gross monster: a hungry space parasite ready to dominate Earth one meal at a time. It's creepy, at times nasty, and certainly enjoyable, its charm undeniably old-school in today's world of rampant CGI, and reminiscent of better-known independent scarers such as *Night of the Living Dead* and *Evil Dead*.



This "Millennium Edition" Blu-ray is downright gorged with extras too, from a producer/editor commentary track to a host of vintage film and [video clips](#), as well as sample pages from the upcoming *Deadly Spawn* comic book.

Perfect Sense (IFC Films)

Pop culture is currently obsessed with visions of a zombie apocalypse, but David Mackenzie's *Sense* gives us the world's first "sensory" apocalypse, whereby everyone around the world (including scientist Eva Green and chef Ewan McGregor) is afflicted by a strange epidemic that suddenly, if temporarily messes with people's senses and emotions. This outbreak provides quite the ironic backdrop as the general populace is danger of losing what makes them "human," just as the young lovers dive into a deeply felt new relationship, with continually unexpected results.



In its originality, this one tosses aside many conventions of the genre and so might not be for every viewer, but while it's not a *Perfect* movie, it does provide enough "What's going to happen next?" tension to keep us watching 'til the very end.

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