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Japanese anime series 'Iron Man' rockets onto DVD with voice of Adrian Pasdar

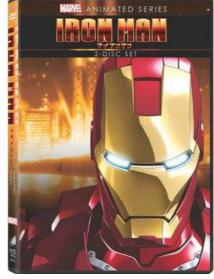
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This Japanese anime series about the armored Avenger employs a hip, environmentally conscious narrative. Tony Stark heads to Japan intending to retire his Iron Man persona and expand his industrial company. He's building a carbon-neutral power plant called the Arc Reactor that will produce free, limitless energy to everyone and hopefully bring about world peace. So no need for Iron Man, right? Wrong. A terrorist group messes with his plans. forcing Stark to become the metalhead once again. Produced in 2010, this series based on the Marvel Comics superhero aired in the United States in October 2011 on the G4 channel. Adrian Pasdar ("Heroes") provides the voice of Iron Man, Two discs, 287



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minutes, DVD extras include two featurettes, From Sony, Released April 24,

"Birdsong"

Eddie Redmayne, who starred opposite Michelle Williams in "My Week with Marilyn," wears his heart on his sleeve again in this BBC adaptation of Sebastian Faulks' popular 1993 novel. It toggles between 1910 and 1916 as young Stephen Wraysford falls in love with a married woman on a visit to France, then returns to the same area as a British soldier fighting in the trenches while thinking back wistfully to that idyllic romance. Clemence Poesy, who played Fleur Delacour in several "Harry Potter" films, co-stars. The screenplay was penned by Abi Morgan, who wrote "The Hour" and "The Iron Lady." 165 minutes. Extras: three featurettes. From PBS. Released April 24.

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Roses and Skid Row and then brutally murdered in 1992. This 2005 documentary uses interviews with stars such as Alice Cooper and Mojo Nixon, animation and home video to tell Loren's story. Unrated, 84 minutes. DVD extras: more than two hours of material, including TV clips, commercials, news stories, a cover art gallery, liner notes and alternate and extended interviews. From MVD Visual. Released April 24.

"The Wicker Tree"

Director Robin Hardy re-imagines his 1973 horror classic "The Wicker Man" starring Christopher Lee and Britt Ekland. Not to be confused with the 2006 remake starring Nicolas Cage, this lesser 2010 version stars Brittania Nicol, Henry Garrett, Graham McTavish and Honeysuckle Weeks. It follows two Texas missionaries spreading the gospel in Scottish lowlands community who encounter a secretive neo-pagan cult. R, 96 minutes. Extras: deleted scenes and a making-of featurette. From Anchor Bay. Released April 24.

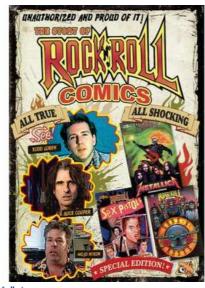
"The Fields"

Don't go into the cornfields. If only 8year-old Steven had heeded his grandparents' advice. He's spending the summer of 1973 with them in their rural Pennsylvania home while his parents deal with marital woes, and he just can't resist going where he isn't supposed to go. This ambitious 2011 mystery thriller is based on true events, but it still sadly falls short. It stars Tara Reid, Cloris Leachman and Brian Anthony Wilson. Unrated, 98 minutes. Extras: outtakes, featurettes and a photo gallery. From Breaking Glass Pictures. Released April 24.

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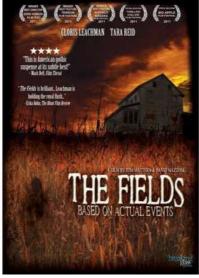
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