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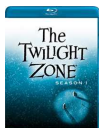
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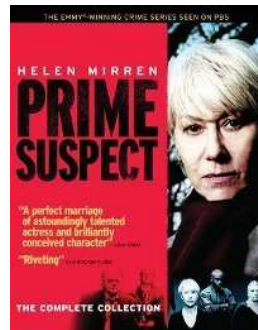


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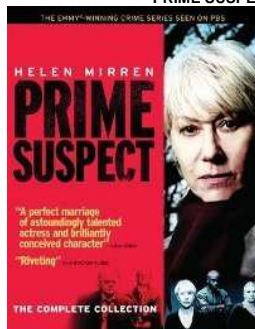
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Also worth buying *THE NORM SHOW - THE COMPLETE SERIES*, *SKINS - VOLUME THREE* and a host of new *DOCTOR WHO* DVDs

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We know your time is short. With so many movies, television shows, direct-to-DVD films and animated joints being released on DVD each week, you don't have time and we don't have the energy to review each and every one of them. So, we give you a nice little round up, each and every week of the best of the best. What you should really be paying attention to and what you should be spending your hard earned money on. Welcome to "What if Picks."

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Price: \$124.99

What is it: Detective Jane Tennison is one person you do not want on your case because she always gets the job done. She also is faced with solving some of the most horrific crimes in Britain all the while battling her own internal demons that cause her much trouble along the way. This collection includes nine feature-length mysteries show on PBS. The series stars Hellen Mirren and she's a fabulous actress and gives the Tennison character a memorable performance. Also, any fan of **MASTERPIECE THEATER** and **MYSTERY** from PBS will recognize her character and some of the mysteries included here.



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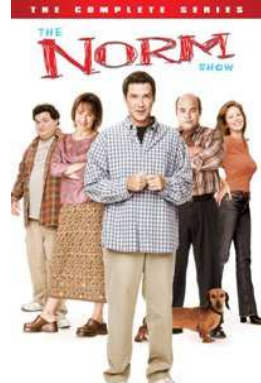


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Special Feature Highlight: A super cool behind-the-scenes special that is about 50 minutes discussing the making of the show, the longevity of the characters and the show's place in the annals of crime drama history.

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Price: \$59.97

What is it: After he lost his spot on **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**, Norm MacDonald got a gig in a sitcom aptly named **THE NORM SHOW**. The sitcom had him playing a former NHL player that ended his career in a seedy kind of way and followed his misadventures in life thereafter. Here the entire series is in one handy collector's set including all 54 episodes from the show. This is the debut of the series on DVD.

Special Feature Highlight: On the eight disc set, MacDonald offers up a number of thoughts on the show and his antics and how they may or may not be based in reality on each episode in the alternate audio track.

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Price: \$39.98

What is it: Yet another season chronicling the adventures of a new class at Roundview College and how drug-fueled, party-seeking, sexually active teens. The cast is the typical college crowd with the popular kids, the smart ones, the nerdy kids, the gay kids and more. There is quite a lot angst in the show and the kids at times are more shallow than they are enlightening but the show is damn good and fun to watch, especially given there is nothing like it on TV here in the states.

Special Feature Highlight: **SKINS** stories is a cool bonus look at the kids in the series that make it so unique. But there are also behind-the-scenes of each episode and auditions from the cast.

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DOCTOR WHO – PLANET OF FIRE/DOCTOR WHO – THE KING'S DEMONS/DOCTOR WHO – THE CREATURE FROM THE PIT



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Price: \$14.98 to \$34.98

What is it: More of the great classic **DOCTOR WHO** is out on DVD this week including two Peter Davison stories dealing with one of the all-time favorite Doctors and the dreaded Master. In **PLANET OF FIRE**, the Doctor meets Peri (one of my all-time favorite companions) and she becomes one of his companions after she is found with some odd alien artifact that leaves her in trouble and in danger from the Master. In **THE KING'S DEMONS**, the Doctor (again Davison) is plunged into medieval conflict as he arrives in the middle of a joust and is proclaimed to be a demon. Of course, the players involved are not who they appear to be and the Doctor must face the Master once again. In the **CREATURE FROM THE PIT**, Tom Baker as the Doctor and Romana find themselves in a conflict between a world where metal is scarce and an alien creature stuck in a pit. This is firmly one of Baker's more comedic stories as there is little seriousness at all involved and the special effects are bad (even for **WHO**).

Special Feature Highlight: All of these DVDs include commentary from the Doctors that played them as well as behind-the-scenes featurettes, some have deleted scenes and some have some other little goodies that will fill you **WHO** heart with joy.

Also for Your Consideration:

While these may not necessarily be worth buying per se or even in the genre that we here at iF Magazine tend to review or recommend, these are hot DVDs as well that may be worth at the very least a rent from Netflix:

- **KILLERS** – Isn't this just a remake of **MR. AND MRS. SMITH**? Anyway, it is a rental at best.
- **THE OFFICE – SEASON SIX** – The penultimate season of the Steve Carell era of the sitcom comes home to DVD.
- **CRIMINAL MINDS – THE FIFTH SEASON** – Another season of getting into the heads of the criminals and solving crime comes home for the fifth time.
- **LESS THAN PERFECT – SEASON ONE** – The sitcom comes home for the first time on DVD.
- **PAUL MCCARTNEY IS REALLY DEAD: THE LAST TESTAMENT OF GEORGE HARRISON** – This is an interesting fake documentary based on the belief that Paul McCartney died in a car crash in the 1960s and a double has been performing as him since that time. It is far-fetched obviously, but a clever and an interesting take to do it in documentary form.
- **GROWTH** – A pretty good horror film about a genetically enhanced parasite that gets a little out of hand and decimates the population of an island community off the coast of the U.S.
- **MACGRUBER** – The **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** skit come to life on the big screen comes home and you are best off renting it.
- **WOODSHOP** – A decent high school comedy about a loser and his wealthy friend that get stuck in woodshop for a weekend as punishment. There they get to learn that much more about themselves and growing up.
- **CHUCK – THE COMPLETE THIRD SEASON** – I suggest getting this one Blu-ray if you have it as it is worth it in the long run as you get that much more Strahovski in high def.
- **SUPERNATURAL – THE COMPLETE FIFTH SEASON** – I also recommend getting this in high definition as the scares and the entertainment is that much better, but if you have to watch here it isn't a bad purchase either.
- **SMALLVILLE – THE COMPLETE NINTH SEASON** – And once again, if you are buying get it on Blu-ray. If you are renting then this should be fine or for those that have not yet upgraded and want to fill out their collection.



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