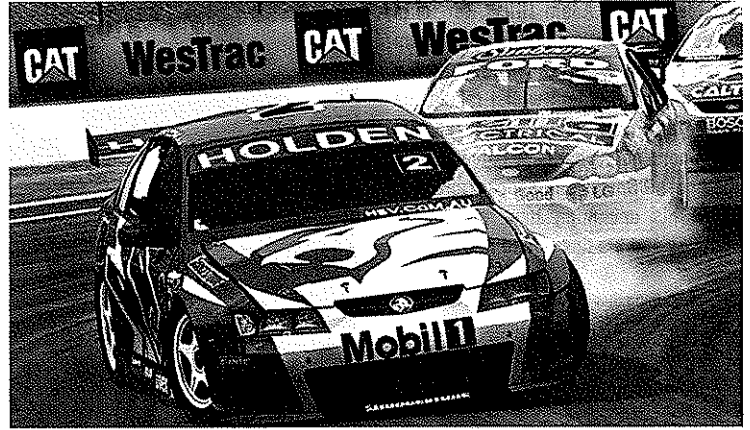


Ty3: Night of the Quinkan
(Krome / Activision)

A character called 'Shazza' and voice acting that sounds like it was supplied by Alf from Home n Away - it could only be the latest instalment in the Ty series. Developed right here in Brisbane by Krome Studios, the Ty franchise has proven to be spectacular success internationally with sales of over three million copies. That's a lot of luxury cars in the staff carpark. Still, there's no getting around the fact that Ty is aimed squarely at a younger

audience; from the inane characters to the straightforward platform action, this is Crash Bandicoot updated for a new audience. As such, anyone over the age of 12 will need to get seriously drunk to get something out of the game. For younger players, however, this has enough colour, vibrancy and fun to keep them occupied for weeks.

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V8 Supercars 3
(Codemasters / Atari)

The V8 Supercars series has always been popular with boy racers. While most racing games opt for either arcade action or mind numbing simulation, Codemasters effort has managed to successfully straddle the middle ground. You can play it as a balls-to-the-wall arcade title or notch up the difficulty and learn to brake coming into a corner - your choice. Number 3 isn't a huge departure from the previous games but it has seen the game

improved in several ways; improved graphics, more cars (35 classes in total ranging from classics to trucks), better AI on the computer controlled cars - all the kind of things you'd expect. As always, Bathurst is there for you to tackle alongside the European touring car circuit and the career mode is an expansive as you'd expect. Throw in online play and there really isn't anything to fault here. Racing fans will do well to pick this up.

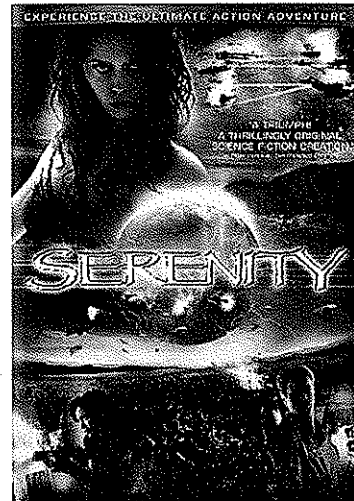
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DVD
NEW RELEASES



'New York Dolls - All Dolled Up'
(MRA)

Bob Gruen was known as a rock photographer in the late 70's shooting musicians like John Lennon (not literally), Led Zeppelin and the Rolling Stones, he also owned an early model video camera. Gruen



met the New York Dolls in 1972 and with wife Nadya Beck and this video camera filmed over 40 hours of footage and from this comes the new documentary 'All Dolled Up'. With the resurgence in popularity for early punk and new wave bands it seems a relevant time to release this DVD. The documentary does not cover the band's history in

detail, it is more of a glimpse inside the life of the band at that moment in time, shows in their hometown of New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Bonus footage includes an interview with Gruen conducted by the Dictators Handsome Dick Manitoba, commentaries with Johansen [vox] and Sylvain [guitars] and a photo gallery of Gruen's work, which he narrates.

Joey September

'Serenity'
Directed by Joss Whedon
(Universal)

Witty dialogue and clever direction make this space adventure anything but ordinary. It's the year something-or-other and Mal Reynolds and his ragtag crew are steaming their way around the galaxy in the good space ship Serenity. After picking up brother and sister Simon and River Tam, the crew come to realise that there's something not quite right with River: not only is she telepathic, but she's also a martial arts expert who can kung pow a room full of baddies. To make matters worse, the governing Alliance is in hot pursuit of Serenity. Egad!

This two-disc edition of Joss Whedon's first big

screen outing will have Browncoats salivating. Complete with director's commentary, deleted scenes, and Easter eggs it has enough goodies to satisfy rabid fans, while being accessible enough to entertain even the most cynical audiences.

Rowena Grant-Frost

'Macgillivray Freeman's Dolphins'
(Image/ Warner Vision)

It's easy to see why this beautiful and highly informative doco was nominated for an Academy Award for 'Best Documentary Short Subject' in 2000. Being originally created for IMAX screening means that it is superbly shot with simply extraordinary cinematography and some of the most amazing moments I've ever witnessed in a nature documentary - yes even after a staple diet of great David Attenborough documentaries! Many of the mysteries of dolphin life are captured and in particular their methods of communication are simply astonishing. Scenes are shot across the world's oceans from the blue-clear waters of the Bahamas to the cold, murky waters off Argentina. A wealth of detail of the lives of these fascinating creatures are revealed.

Pat Whyte

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