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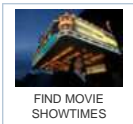
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## 1st season of new 'NCIS' is among DVD releases

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Several DVDs of TV shows have been released this week, including the first season of the new "NCIS" series that debuted last fall.

**"NCIS: Los Angeles: The First Season" (CBS/Paramount, 2009-10, six discs, \$64.99).** LL Cool J and Chris O'Donnell make an appealing crime-busting team in this spinoff of "NCIS," which includes a pair of crossover episodes featuring the original show's quirky forensics wizard Abby Sciuto (Pauley Perrette).



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Aside from its L.A. setting, this one sets itself apart by allowing O'Donnell and Cool J to go undercover, infiltrating various criminal enterprises to protect national security. And in support is the fabulous Linda Hunt as their operations manager. ("You still shoot the ducks; I just row the boat," she tells O'Donnell at one point.)

This set also includes the two episodes of "NCIS" that introduced O'Donnell and Cool J's Los Angeles-based characters.

**Extras:** widescreen, 22 episodes, 24 episodes, audio commentary, featurettes, two episodes of "NCIS," music video, promos, trailers

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**"Brothers & Sisters: The Complete Fourth Season" (ABC, 2009-10, six discs, \$45.99).** This prime-time soap opera goes off in a wide array of offbeat directions this season, some of them interesting, some of them dull and some downright irritating.

But the lead players — Sally Field, Calista Flockhart, Rob Lowe, Rachel Griffiths and Patricia Wettig — certainly make it worth watching most of the time. (Although Lowe's character, who was in a car crash in this season's cliffhanger, likely won't be back when Season 5 begins; he's moved on to the sitcom "Parks and Recreation.")

**Extras:** widescreen, 24 episodes, deleted scenes, featurettes, bloopers, trailers

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**"Marple: Series 5" (Acorn, 2010, four discs, \$49.99).** Julia McKenzie's bright-eyed interpretation of Agatha Christie's off-filmed amateur detective is complemented by the excellent production values for these episodes, set in the 1950s and adapted from Christie stories: "The Mirror Crack'd From Side to Side," "The Secret of Chimneys" and "The Blue Geranium."

**Extras:** widescreen, three episodes, documentary: "Agatha Christie's Garden," text interviews/filmographies

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**"Cactus: Live, Loud & Proud" (MVD, 2010, \$19.95).** The band is captured performing live on stage during its 2006-07 tour, following the release of its album "Cactus V."

**Extras:** widescreen, 13 songs, featurettes, music video

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**"iCarly: iSpaced Out" (Nickelodeon/Paramount, 2010, \$16.99).** The title episode of the tween-based series is one of six included here.

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