

HEAR THIS:



LUST FOR LIFE

Lana Del Rey

Known for her dramatic, disillusioned and observant, beautiful voice, Lana Del Rey is a modern film noir singer. On *Lust For Life*, she harkens back in a fashion to the era of the late 1960s when “young girls are coming to the canyon” or simply The Mamas and The Papas era of musical influence. Lana dusts off the dark to create a positive vibe of hopefulness. Still tinged with her singular style, the title track “Lust For Life” is striking in its simple beauty. **Available now.**



DARK MATTER

Randy Newman

You can bet when there is new music and lyrics from Randy Newman there are those who will admire his observant and clever philosophy through song by tuning in. Take a listen to “Putin” as it strums in with his *Avalon* touch of brass as Mr. Newman goes to town in his own way... Just like he did in “I Love L.A.” The skilled songwriter hasn’t lost an iota in presenting his unique take on the times and his feelings on life. Newman is a master at this. **Available August 4.**



A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

The War on Drugs

With vocals by Adam Granduciel which cascade in like a cross between a young Bob Dylan and the tones of Tom Petty, The War on Drugs present *A Deeper Understanding*. This is the band’s first album since 2014. The music is edged with a gritty and smooth texture and the lyrics are of a mature style with strong emotional thoughts behind them. There is solid guitar work on all accounts and the arrangements are just as vivid with a definite nod of musical appreciation to the past. **Available August 25.**

WATCH THIS:



SAXOPHONE COLOSSUS

Documentary filmmaker Robert Mugge has crafted a brilliant portrait of jazz master on the saxophone, Sonny Rollins. The film is centered on Rollins’ first orchestral piece which would premiere in Tokyo, Japan. Not only is there a look at the action behind-the-scenes and of this concert, Mugge includes interviews extolling Rollins’ talent and musical gifts while also conducting an interview with Sonny and his wife Lucille (who died in 2004).

Available August 4.



KEPT BOY

Jon Paul Phillips as “Dennis” is approaching his 30th birthday and with it comes the realization that his days might possibly be numbered as a paid escort and live-in lover. The man who started this relationship comes across hard times and there is a definite reality check of financial concerns. A new man in the mix leads to a love triangle. Solid acting, handsome hunks and nudity, bring in the pull of what it’s like to be “love for sale.” Everything has its price, right?

Available August 8.

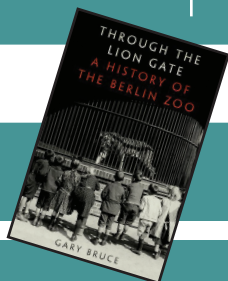


BLIND

Call it a guilty pleasure but there is still star quality to be found in the teaming of Demi Moore and Alec Baldwin. Their charisma brings to mind past roles such as *Married to the Mob* starring Baldwin and *Indecent Proposal* starring Moore. Their sex appeal and spark was phenomenal back in the day. Though cliché and a bit over laden with twists, there is plenty of plotline in *Blind* to just enjoy the interactions of these two stars at this point in time.

Available August 15.

READ THIS:



THROUGH THE LION GATE: A HISTORY OF THE BERLIN ZOO

Gary Bruce

“If I could talk to the animals, just imagine it.” In this case, it would be those animals from the Berlin Zoo with a striking history of over 150 years. Opening in 1844 and through two World Wars, the zoo barely survived World War II. Yet in 1945, the zoo reopened and continued to show the importance of the bond between the animal kingdom and humanity. The intersection of politics, wartime and the beauty of wildlife is uncaged for the first time by Gary Bruce.

Available August 1.



ALL THE KING’S HORSES: THE EQUESTRIAN LIFE

Kimberly Gatto and Victoria Racimo

Where did Elvis Presley “The King” find peaceful and calm times in his life? In many ways, he deservedly won the golden ticket of good fortune because of his remarkable talents as an entertainer. Yet, it wasn’t until searching for a Golden Palomino that Presley discovered a kinship with horses and the natural joy they give and provide. His “Rising Sun” Palomino and the other horses in his stables at Graceland and his Circle G Ranch are lovingly profiled with rare photographs, stories and interviews.

Available August 14.



THE DOGS OF AVALON: THE RACE TO SAVE ANIMALS IN PERIL

Laura Schenone

Laura Schenone presents a sad but ultimately triumphant story of how to right injustice towards animal cruelty. The main focus is on the greyhounds used for racing and then discarded like stuffed animals. The author also focuses a light on the fierce dedication of Marion Fitzgibbon and others who champion the cause of strays and animal rescues. Fitzgibbon heads The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. A poignant look at righting the wrongs to the animals who deserve a safe and caring place.

Available August 22.