

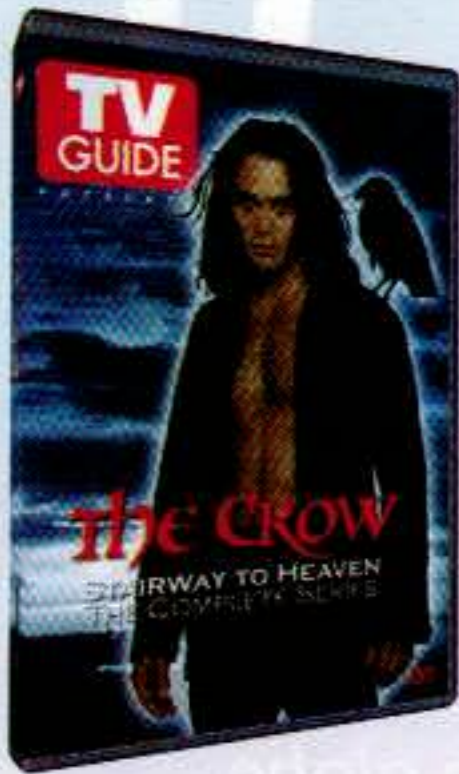
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GENIUS

The Business: Season One Takes a misadventure into the indie film world, where Vic, famous for smut DVDs, tries to become reputable; **The Minor Accomplishments of Jackie Woodman** A not-too-dynamic duo tries to succeed in L.A. Both street July 17, prebook June 5; two-disc sets \$29.95 each



HART SHARP/WEA

TV Guide Presents The Crow: Stairway to Heaven—The Complete Series Twenty-two episodes from the 1998-99 season. Street July 24, prebook June 26; four-disc set \$39.95

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Doc Martin: Series 1 A surgeon leaves London to become the only doctor in a sleepy town. Street June 12, prebook May 1; two-disc set \$29.99



KOCH VISION

Mile High: Season 2—Part 1 and Part 2 This sexy, irreverent and original British series takes to the skies again. Both street June 12, prebook May 15; four-disc sets \$49.98 each

LAGUNA

Azul Tequila The telenovela tells the story of a young woman engaged to one brother but in love with the other. Street June 12, prebook May 8; eight-disc set \$24.95

MVD

The Best of Graffiti TV: Vol. 1, 2 & 3 and Vol. 4: Funky Enamel Live footage of graffiti writers from all over the world painting legal art and illegal tagging. Both street June 5, prebook May 1; DVD \$14.95 each

RHINO/WEA

Mystery Science Theater 3000: Vol. 11 Includes never-before-released episodes of forgettable films *Ring of Terror*, *Indestructible Man*, *Tormented*

and *Horrors of Spider Island*. Street June 26, prebook June 1; four-disc set \$59.95

RYKO

Spenser: Ceremony and Pale Kings & Princes Following the cancellation of the series *Spenser For Hire*, ABC produced these features starring Robert Urich. Both street June 26, prebook June 1; DVD \$14.95 each



SONY

Rescue Me: The Complete Third Season (four-disc set) Follows the heroics and emotions of New York City's firefighters; **Hex: The Complete First Season** (three-disc set) Shy Christina Cole discovers she has magical powers. Both street June 5, prebook May 3; DVD \$49.95 each

STARZ

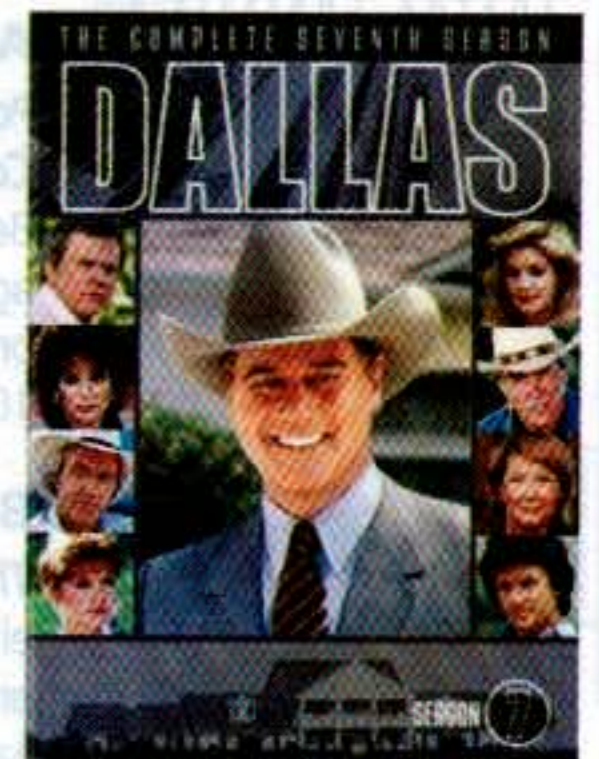
Hellboy Animated: Blood & Iron Hellboy must choose between protecting or destroying mankind. Street June 12, prebook May 2; DVD \$19.98

TIME LIFE/WEA

This is Tom Jones: Rock 'N' Roll Legends This music variety series ran from 1969-71 showcasing some of the best rock, pop and soul greats of the era. Street June 26, prebook May 22; three-disc set \$39.99

WARNER

Dallas: The Complete Seventh Season Southfork's burning. Street July 31, prebook June 26; five-disc set \$39.98



ZEITGEIST

Mr. Conservative: Goldwater on Goldwater This HBO documentary is a portrait of one of America's most misunderstood and complicated political figures. Street July 31, prebook June 19; DVD \$29.99 VB

—Compiled by Cheryl Biggs

Robin Hood returns

BBC Video is about to bring BBC America's currently airing and highest-rated series ever to DVD, *Robin Hood: Season One*. "It's rated higher than *The Office*," notes BBC Video senior VP Burton Cromer, referring to the original BBC version of the series now airing in an American version on NBC. He describes *Robin Hood* as a "younger, hipper" take on the legend. The DVD will be released with two hours of bonus features and will be supported with cable and online marketing.

DVD "is an important business on certain shows," says Garth Ancier, new president of BBC Worldwide Americas. He adds that while comedies tend to do better than dramas in British shows, "this is an evolving business."

Unlike other suppliers that tend to release season sets a few weeks prior to the new season's premiere, BBC generally releases DVDs close to the season finale when the show is top of mind for viewers. The network also advertises the DVD during the show's broadcast. VB—Samantha Clark and C.S.

BBC/WARNER

Robin Hood: Season One The BBC America series that breathes new life into the classic tale. Street June 5, prebook May 1; five-disc set \$79.98

