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## Erotic Diary Of A Lumberjack/My Body Burns/Truck Stop (French Erotica/MVD DVD)

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If you have never heard of Jean-Marie Pallardy, the French director of erotic sex comedies, there is a reason. He is not that good and neither are his films. **Erotic Diary Of A Lumberjack** (1974), **My Body Burns** (1972, his debut as a director) and **Truck Stop** (1975) are not so funny or sexy films whose only claim to fame is that they come from the golden period of erotica and these are only so explicit. Then you get only somewhat attractive women with surprisingly unattractive men which leads the view to ask, why would these people ever think of having sex?

**Burns** is about a respectable man who gets married to hide how he loves group sex and then lesbianism (read thought police lesbianism for straight men) becomes part of the plot and the film does not know where it wants to go with its thin story. **Diary** is about a successful college teacher who gets away to a nearby countryside and finds sex all over the park and becomes a pimp! Not as amusing as it sounds. That leaves **Stop**, where usually ugly truckers find women who want to have sex.

And to think he was an actor first. The films are curios at best and maybe someone will enjoy them as a joke, but I was surprised how bad they were. Not quite all out XXX, even two of them (**Diary** and **Stop**) listed as "Unrated Editions" on the covers. Except for completists, skip them.

The letterboxed 1.66 X 1 image on **Diary** and **Body**, plus letterboxed 2.35 X 1 image on **Stop** all have aged print issues, some print damage, are too soft beyond any stylizing and color can be an issue as well. The Dolby Digital English dub 2.0 Mono is also weak and a few generations down, even though you expect trouble with dubs. Extras are the same on all three discs, including trailers for five of Pallardy's films including this one, stills and an hour-long "erotic Journal" interview piece. **Diary** has even more trailers.

- Nicholas Sheffo

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