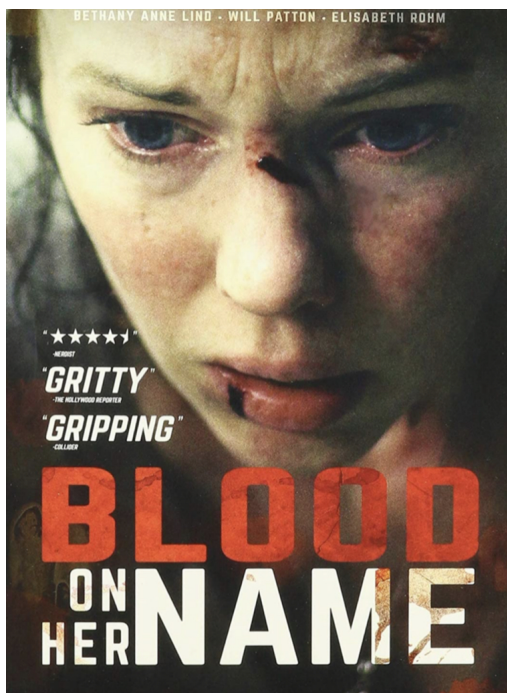


Welcome back for another look at new arrivals on Blu-ray and DVD. This week, you'll find a few big Hollywood features, as well as some interesting independent fare. So, if you can't make it out or shouldn't be heading out to the movies this week, be sure to give one of these titles a try!

BIG NEW RELEASES!



BLOOD ON HER NAME: This crime drama involves a cash-strapped woman who runs an auto shop. After accidentally causing the death of someone on her property, she considers hiding the body and covering it up. However, the lead is wracked with guilt and holes in her story begin to appear after being grilled by the town sheriff (who happens to be her ex-husband).

Reviews were very strong for this independent feature. A small number said that after a compelling start, the movie switched tones and didn't work as effectively, ultimately petering out at the close. Still, the majority had a different reaction. They called it consistently tense and compelling, complimenting the work of the cast and suggesting that the finale packed a memorable and bloody punch.

The cast includes Bethany Anne Lind, Will Patton, Elisabeth Rohm, Jared Ivers and Jimmy Gonzales.

HAM ON RYE: Growing up is a tough process. This coming-of-age comedy features a large group of teens going through a strange rite of passage at their local deli. We see numerous kids from all parts endure an experience that will either help them escape their small, suburban hometown or doom them to stay there forever.

Critics enjoyed this independent movie and it earned plenty of accolades at film festivals just before the pandemic hit. There were one or two who thought it lacked focus and shifted around aimlessly from one character to another. Everyone else stated that the movie was intriguing, referring to it as a completely unique tale that would make one think about the difficulties of being young. According to press releases, it uses an expansive ensemble of over 100 performers, including non-actors, musicians, 90's Nickelodeon child stars and more.

THE LONG WALK: An unusual old man with special skills is the protagonist of this film from Laos. It is quickly revealed that he can talk to a spirit of a deceased woman who died in a road accident. She also has the ability to transport him into the past.

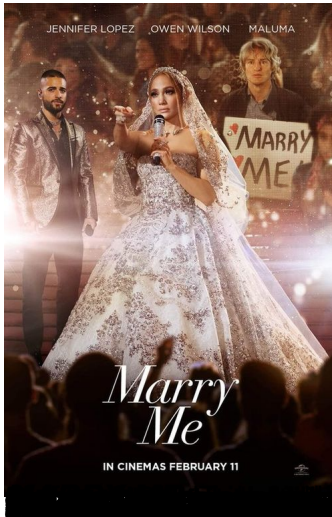
After locals request his help in getting information about a missing girl, he asks for assistance from his supernatural acquaintance. In addition to determining if her information is reliable, he must also deal with a personal tragedy.

This foreign-language feature won numerous awards at film festivals but hasn't been seen by many in this part of the world. There are a few internet reviews available and those assessments have been upbeat. They suggest that while the movie is difficult to pin down and figure out, it is interesting and will appeal to arthouse aficionados with a taste for Asian features. The cast includes Yannawoutthi Chanthalongsy and Vilouna Phetmany.

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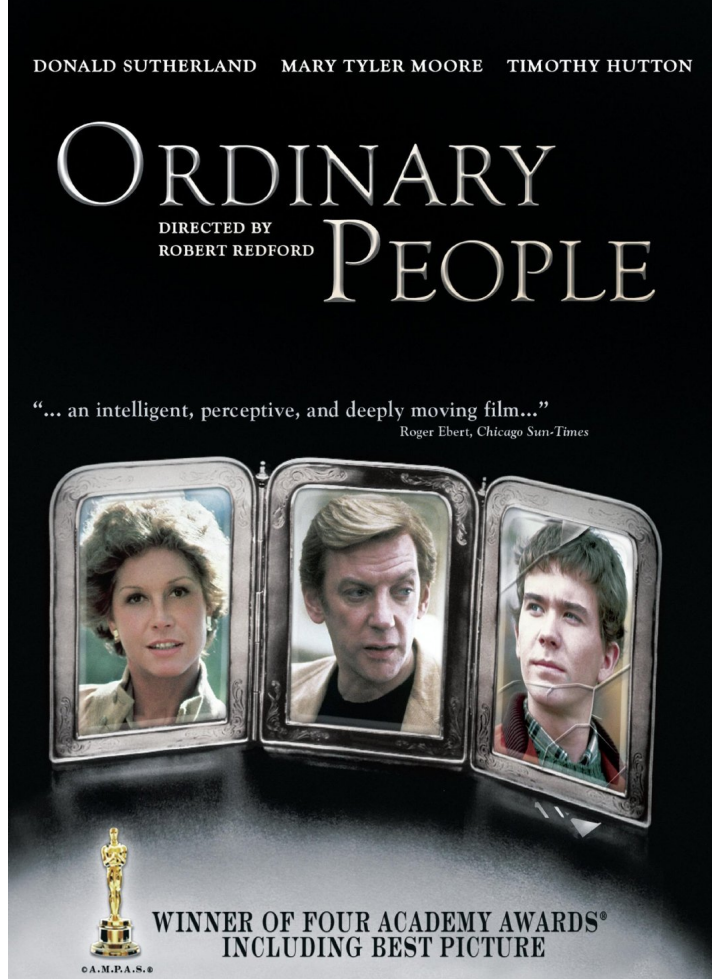


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Shakedown (1957) - A classic film noir starring Howard Duff, Brian Donlevy, and Peggy Dow. The film is a Universal International Picture.



Ordinary People (1980) - A classic film noir starring Donald Sutherland, Mary Tyler Moore, and Timothy Hutton. The film is a G.A.M.P.A.S.®.