Welcome to another look at highlights arriving on Blu-ray and DVD. It's a slightly quieter week, but there are definitely some titles of interest in several genres. So, if you can't make it out to the movies or need to stay indoors for a little while, be sure to give one of these titles a try!

BIG NEW RELEASES!

CROC!: A bride and groom from England decide to hold their wedding festivities in the countryside. They find what they think is a lovely estate. But on their big day, the couple and their guests get an unexpected surprise in the form of a family of very hungry crocodiles living on the property that are determined to devour the attendees.

This very low-budget British chiller hasn't been seen by many in this part of the world. A few reviews have popped up online and they appear to be mixed. Most have commented that the lack of funding resulted in some less-than-convincing CGI monsters. Still, just as many suggest that the movie doesn't take itself very seriously and will provide a few laughs for B-movie enthusiasts.

Those interested should note that this is a DVD-only release. It features Sian Altman, Mark Haldor, George Nettleton and Antonia Whillans.



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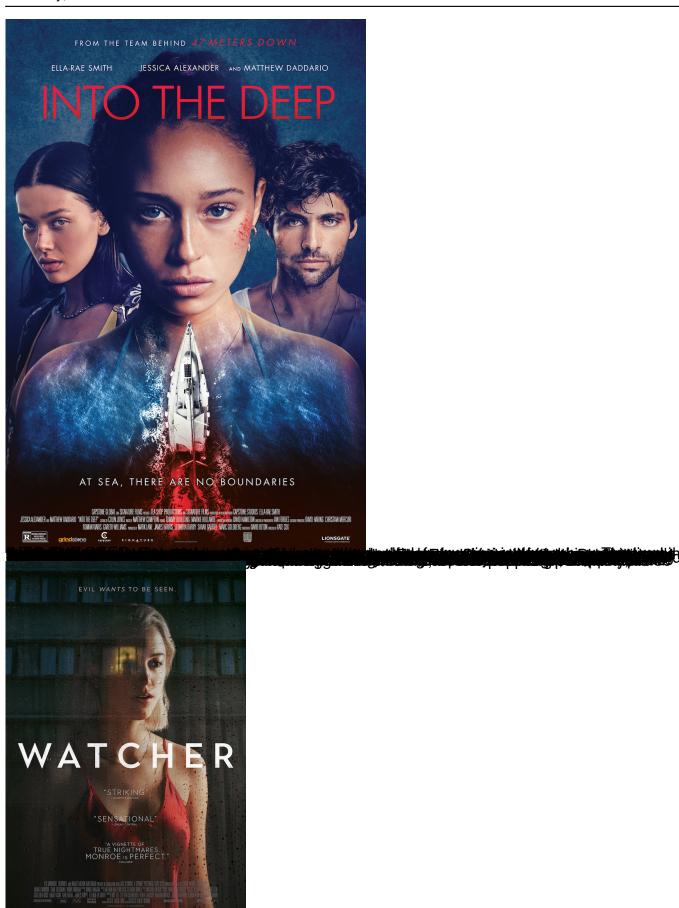
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DC LEAGUE OF SUPER-PETS: This family-friendly animated spin-off of the DC comics universe follows Superman and his best friend, Krypto the Superdog. After his owner and other Justice League heroes are kidnapped by a sinister threat, Krypto joins forces with other animals (including a turtle, a squirrel, a pot-bellied pig and many others) to hone their special powers and save the day.

The press gave this effort more positive reviews than negative ones. Those who disliked the movie stated that it was a wasted opportunity with a bland story that felt more like a commercial than a family narrative. However, most thought the feature was appropriately frothy, had several funny moments and was more entertaining than recent live-action Justice League titles. The voice cast includes Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Kate McKinnon, Vanessa Bayer, Natasha Lyonne, Diego Luna, John Krasinski, Marc Maron, Keanu Reeves, Jemaine Clement and Daveed Diggs.

DEAD FOR A DOLLAR: Looking for a western? This film follows a bounty hunter/private investigator who is hired by a man to locate and retrieve his kidnapped wife. The protagonist tracks the woman down and discovers that she was actually abused by her husband and has simply run off with a lover. As he tries to decide what to do, an old enemy appears seeking revenge for being caught and jailed by the lead years before.

The press was split on this effort. Half complained that despite the great cast and veteran director Walter Hill ("The Warriors," "The Long Riders," "48 Hrs.," "Streets of Fire," "Red Heat," "Trespass," "Last Man Standing"), the script was terrible and that the film was slow-moving and ineffective. But the same number wrote that Hill was an expert in bringing hard-boiled characters to the screen and managed to deliver an interesting and enjoyable western on a tight budget. It stars Christoph Waltz, Rachel Brosnahan, Willem Dafoe, Warren Burke and Benjamin Bratt.





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