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Welcome to another look at some of the highlights arriving on Blu-ray and DVD. It's another busy edition with plenty of titles arriving in a wide variety of genres. So, if you can't make it out to the movies this week or need to stay indoors, be sure to give one of these titles a try!

BIG NEW RELEASES!



CHESS STORY: Set in 1938 on the cusp of World War II, this drama follows a notary serving

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the Austrian aristocracy. After Nazis take control of the country and Vienna, the Gestapo arrests the man. They demand that he reveal various local bank accounts to them, so that they can take the funds and pay for their war effort. He refuses and is locked in solitary confinement.

With nothing else to do, the man begins to study chess. He uses his skills to challenge and fight back against his captors.

This co-production between Austria and Germany earned solid reviews. A small number stated the written story that the movie was based on was far superior to the film. However, the vast majority complimented the performances and production design, calling it an unpredictable and effective character study that detailed the trauma that prisoners of war experience.

For now, this is a DVD-only release. It stars Oliver Masucci, Birgit Minichmayr and Albrecht Schuch.

DEVIL'S PEAK: A manipulative meth-dealer in the Appalachian Mountains rules his business and family with an iron fist. When his son meets a girl and wants to run away with her instead of taking over the operation, it creates violent conflict in the household. The young man decides that the only way to be free of his father's control is to square-off against him.

This drama didn't fare well with critics. About one-third of them enjoyed the work of the cast and thought they elevated the material enough to earn the movie a modest recommendation. Sadly, the consensus was that the talented performers were saddled with a weak and very predictable script, featuring thinly-drawn characters and little that was memorable.

Billy Bob Thornton, Robin Wright, Jackie Earle Haley, Hopper Penn, Katelyn Nacon and Emma Booth headline the film.

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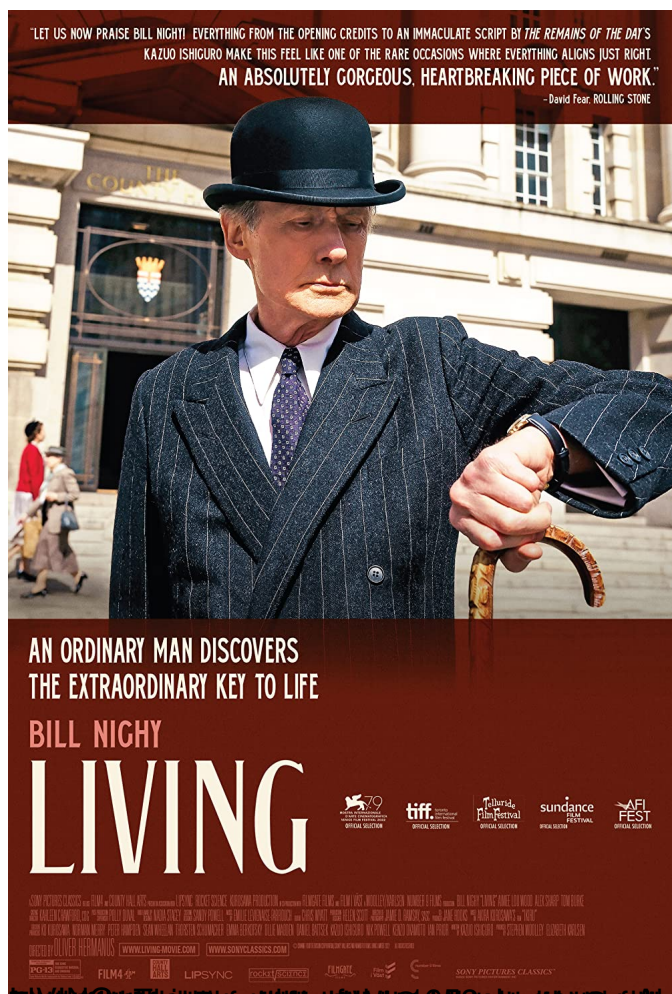
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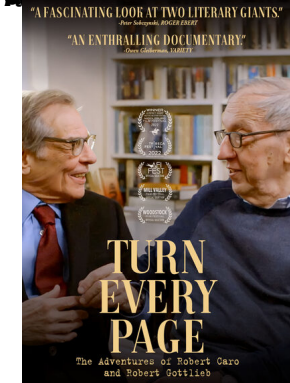
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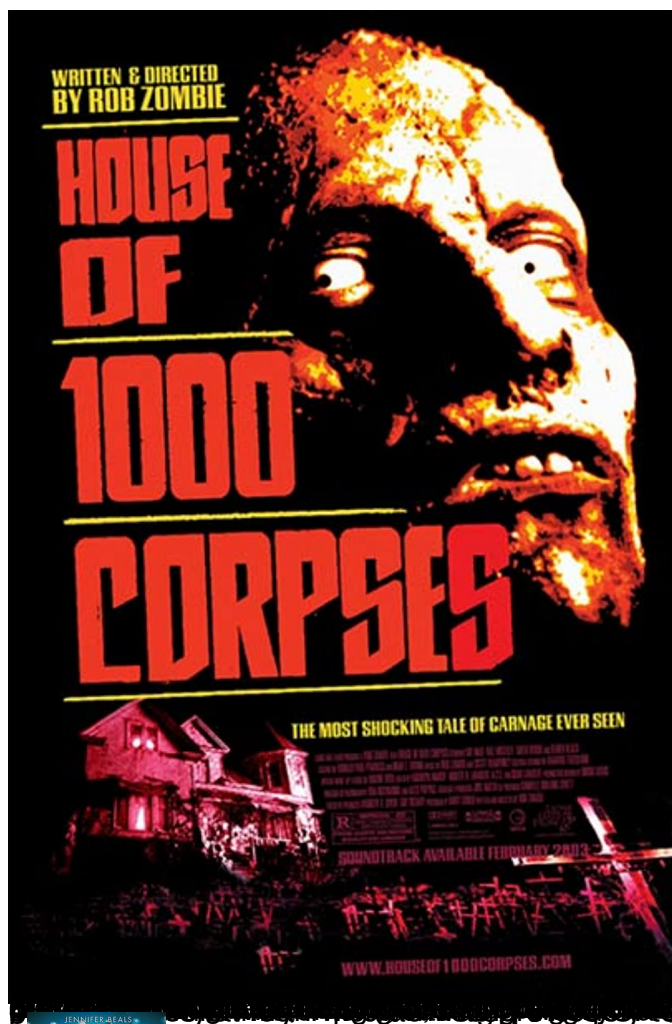


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House of 1000 Corpses (R) is a horror film directed by Rob Zombie, featuring a large ensemble cast including Josh Hartnett, Seth Green, and Michael C. Hall. The film is a sequel to the 2003 film House of Wax. Flashdance (R) is a 1983 film directed by Adrian Lyne, featuring Jennifer Beals and Michael Douglas. The film is a musical romance.

