Hello, it's time for another look at some of the highlights arriving on Blu-ray and DVD. There is a big studio effort in this edition, as well as plenty of smaller, interesting independent features. So, if you can't make it out to the movies this week or need to stay indoors for a while, be sure to give one of these titles a try!

BIG NEW RELEASES!



THE ADMIRER: A woman contends with a nasty stalker in this thriller. The lead is tormented by a mysterious figure who claims that she ghosted him at some point in the past. Thankfully, she eventually gets engaged to another man and the threats stop. But when her fiancé passes away unexpectedly, the creep returns. Fearful that her life is at stake, she attempts to identify the horrible stalker before he gets too close.

There haven't been many reviews for this independent feature. A couple of online notices have appeared, but they haven't been upbeat. One stated that the movie was a routine and dull effort that borrowed from other, stronger titles and failed to make an impression. Another called out the film as melodramatic and the finale preposterous.

It stars Roxanne McKee, Richard Fleeshman and Tina Casciani.

DEEP FEAR: If you're looking for more shark-related action in the vein of *The Meg*, you can try this independent effort. It follows an accomplished yachtswoman who takes a solo voyage to meet up with her boyfriend in Grenada. After a terrible storm takes her off course, she encounters a sinking vessel near an uninhabited island. It turns out that the stranded crew are

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actually drug dealers, who force her to retrieve their cocaine at the bottom of a nearby reef. As if that wasn't bad enough, the group soon find themselves under attack by a group of great white sharks.

Reviews for this feature are middling. Most state that the story is by-the-numbers and that the killer fish are really only a subplot to the hostage situation. They do note, however, that if you appreciate B-movies, it's reasonably well put together and the digital shark effects are good.

The cast includes Mãdãlina Ghenea, Ed Westwick and Macarena Gómez.



GRAN TURISMO: The popular Playstation video game gets a film adaptation in this tale, which is actually based upon a true story. After the initial success of a racing simulator, the programmers made a deal with the Nissan racing team to recruit a driver among their gamers. The protagonist, young Jann Mardenborough, goes through an intensive program as he strives to become a professional driver.

The press was more positive than negative about the final product. About one-third thought that there were too many elements and that the fairly conventional story should have focused more on the lead character and his personal journey. Still, the majority called the movie a well-paced and fun underdog story with excellent racing scenes that would please fans of the game.

Archie Madekwe, David Harbour, Orlando Bloom, Darren Barnet, Geri Halliwell and Djimon Hounsou headline the film.

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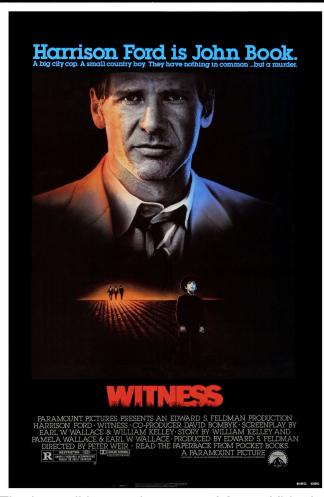


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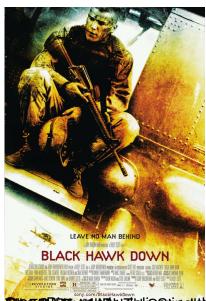
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