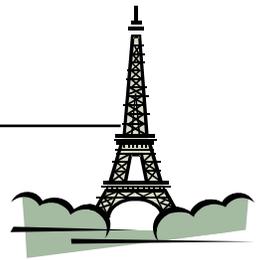


# French Films

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***Aaltra* (DVD FOREIGN AAL)** 90 min. 2004. Rural neighbors who hate each other come to blows and get tangled up in a farm tractor, leaving them both paralyzed, wheelchair-bound, and spiteful. But rather than feel sorry for themselves, the embittered paraplegics decide to seek revenge against the tractor's manufacturer.

***An Affair of Love* (DVD FOREIGN AFF)** 78 min. 2000. A couple begins a sexual arrangement. They share no personal information, including their names. It is perfect until they fall in love.

***Amélie* (DVD FOREIGN AME)** 122 min. 2001. Amélie had an unusual childhood; misdiagnosed with a heart condition. She didn't attend school, but spent most of her time in her room, where she developed a keen imagination and fantasy life. Nevertheless, Amélie has grown into a healthy and beautiful young woman who works in a cafe and has a whimsical, romantic nature. She steps into the lives of others around her to help them.

***Les Amours Imaginaires (Heartbeats)* (DVD FOREIGN AMO)** 95 min. 2010. Two friends compete for the affections of the same man. Marie is a woman, living in Montreal, who has frequently been let down in her relationships with men, while her friend Francis is a gay man who hasn't been faring much better. When Marie meets Nicolas, she's attracted to him and tries to win him over. However, Francis is equally drawn to Nicolas.

**"Antoine and Colette" (DVD FOREIGN FOU)** 30 min. 1962. This is the second of the Antoine Doinel series. This short film "Antoine and Colette," which originally appeared as part of the film *L'Amour à Vingt Ans*, follows the film *The 400 Blows*, picking up Antoine's story a few years later. He is living on his own and pursuing his first love affair, initiating a lifelong career of quixotic dreams and amorous restlessness.

***Après Lui* (DVD FOREIGN APR)** 89 min. 2009. A divorcee, devastated by her son's death in a car accident, turns to his surviving friend. Where does a broken heart draw the line between love and obsession?

***Ararat* (DVD FOREIGN ARA)** 115 min. 2002. A filmmaker of Armenian descent is in Toronto shooting a film of the Siege of Van, which led to the genocide of over a million Armenians by Turkish troops. Raffi goes to Turkey to shoot background footage. As he re-enters Canada with film, a suspicious official detains him.

***Army of Crime* (DVD FOREIGN ARM)** In French and German, with English subtitles. 138 min. 2009. In Paris, 1941, Armenian poet Missak Manouchian leads foreign-born resistance fighters against the Nazi occupation. Initially reluctant, Manouchian and his team use guerilla tactics and radical measures in the name of liberty. News of their daring attacks, including the assassination of an SS general, eventually reaches Berlin.

***Army of Shadows* (DVD FOREIGN ARM)** 145 min. 1969. A civil engineer, one of the chiefs of the French Resistance, is betrayed and interned in a camp. He escapes to rejoin his network and have the traitor executed.

***Around a Small Mountain* (DVD FOREIGN ARO)** 84 min. 2009. On a mountain road, Vittorio stops to help Kate, whose car has broken down. After making the repair, he speeds off. When their paths cross again, Kate has rejoined her family's traveling circus after leaving under mysterious conditions years ago. Vittorio stays for the show, and the next one, and little by little is integrated into the circus and the performers' lives.



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**Artemisia (DVD FOREIGN ART)** 96 min. 1997. The daughter of an Italian painter is forbidden to pursue her own passion for painting. She convinces Agostino Tassi to tutor her, and he not only liberates her artistic talent, but also initiates her into the world of love.

**L'Atalante (DVD FOREIGN ATA)** 87 min. 1934. Juliette marries Jean, and they live aboard the barge "L'Atalante" on the Seine River. The bride becomes bored, leaves for Paris, and starts flirting with other men.

**Au Hasard Balthazar (DVD FOREIGN AU)** 95 min. 1966. The life of an abused donkey, Balthazar, parallels that of his owner, Marie. A beast of burden suffering the sins of man, Balthazar nobly accepts his fate.

**Au Revoir les Enfants (DVD FOREIGN AUR)** 101 min. 1987. Based on the director's life, this film chronicles Malle's experiences during the German occupation of France in World War II.

**L'Auberge Espagnole (DVD FOREIGN AUB)** In French and Spanish, with English or Spanish captions. 122 min. 2002. Xavier, a straight-laced French college senior, goes to Barcelona on a student exchange program. Sharing close quarters with other students leads to multi-cultural chaos. *Russian Dolls* is the sequel to this film.

**Avenue Montaigne (DVD FOREIGN AVE)** 101 min. 2007. Jessica is a beautiful young woman who has come to Paris from the provinces to wait tables at a chic bistro on the Avenue Montaigne. Her customers include an actress courting a Hollywood director for her first serious film role; an art collector liquidating a lifetime of treasures; and a classical pianist at odds with his manager/wife about his career. Jessica doesn't know these people are famous; her unintimidated place in their lives transforms them.

**The Aviator's Wife (DVD FOREIGN AVI)** 106 min. 1981. A young man in love with a slightly older woman sees another man leaving her apartment, and follows him when he sees him later that day.

**Babette's Feast (DVD FOREIGN BAB)** In Danish, English, French, or Spanish, with English, French, Spanish or Chinese captions. 103 min. 1987. Babette, a civil war refugee, changes life for two sisters and their hamlet. She convinces them to try a gourmet meal, which scandalizes the elders, but not a visiting General.

**Bamako (DVD FOREIGN BAM)** 117 min. 2008. In French and Bambara, with English captions. Melé, a bar singer, and her unemployed husband Chaka are breaking up. In the courtyard of the house they share with other families in Bamako, Mali, African civil society representatives have taken proceedings against the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, whom they blame for Africa's woes. As trial witnesses air indictments against the multinational economic machinery that haunts them, courtyard life presses forward.

**The Barbarian Invasions (DVD FOREIGN BAR)** 99 min. 2003. A narrow-minded professor and his stubborn son gather with family and friends to confront their differences, confess secrets, and celebrate life.

**Battle of Algiers (DVD FOREIGN BAT)** In French and Arabic, with English captions. 121 min. 1966. 1957 is a key year in Algeria's struggle for independence from France. As violence escalates, the French torture prisoners for information and the Algerians resort to terrorism. Children shoot soldiers and women plant bombs in cafés. The French win the battle, but ultimately lose the war as the Algerians will not be suppressed.

**The Beaches of Agnes (DVD 920 VARDA, A.)** 107 min. 2008. Agnès Varda provides an autobiographical reflection. taking beaches as her point of departure. She weaves photographs, vintage footage, film clips, and present-day sequences into a voyage through her life, during which she confronts joy and pain. It plays against the context of the postwar explosion of cultural expression in France. She knew everyone: her colleagues in the French New Wave, the Black Panthers in California and Jim Morrison, who visited her in Paris.



***Le Beau Serge* (DVD FOREIGN BEA)** 94 min. 1958. A successful yet sickly young man returns home to the small village where he grew up. There, he finds himself at odds with his former close friend – now unhappily married and a wretched alcoholic – and the provincial life he represents.

***Beau Travail* (DVD FOREIGN BEA)** 90 min. 1999. This film is loosely based on Melville's *Billy Budd*. The life of a sergeant in the French Foreign Legion in Djibouti is disrupted by a new recruit favored by the unit commander.

***Beauty and the Beast* (DVD FOREIGN BEA)** 93 min. 1946. The love of a self-sacrificing beauty releases the prince within a kindly beast. Visual treats include tears that become real diamonds and walls that grow arms to light Beauty's path through the castle of the Beast.

***Bed and Board* (DVD FOREIGN BED)** In French and Japanese, with English captions. 97 min. 1970. In the fourth installment of the Antoine Doinel series, Antoine is 26, married, and expecting his first child. He struggles to find steady work. Antoine and Christine become parents, but Antoine tires of domesticity. He meets a Japanese woman and his marriage is threatened.

***Belle de Jour* (DVD FOREIGN BEL)** 102 min. 1967. A surgeon's wife indulges her masochistic fantasies by working as a prostitute in a Paris brothel.

***La Bête Humaine* (DVD FOREIGN BET)** 96 min. 1938. Train engineer Jacques lusts after the wife of his co-worker Robaud. Robaud kills his boss and Jacques witnesses the murder. To keep Jacques quiet, Robaud allows Jacques to have an affair with his wife, creating a tragic love triangle.

***Blame it on Fidel!* (DVD FOREIGN BLA)** 95 min. 2006. When Fernando and Marie dedicate themselves full time to various political causes, their nine-year-old daughter, Anna, learns to face the world on her own.

***The Blood of a Poet* (DVD FOREIGN BLO)** 50 min. 1930. An artist is driven mad by the sight of his own blood and a drawing of a mouth that seems to come to life. The combination sends him off on a series of bizarre adventures that strive to explain how artists become obsessed with their own works.

***Blue* (DVD FOREIGN BLU)** 98 min. 1993. In this first part of a trilogy (*Red, White and Blue*), a woman is devastated by the death of her husband and child. She retreats from the world, but falls into a web of lies and passion as the dark, secret life of her husband begins to unravel.

***Bluebeard* (DVD FOREIGN BLU)** 80 min. 2009. This film employs a double narrative. One thread involves two young sisters who are reading the tale of Bluebeard, and the other tells the story of young Marie-Catherine, child bride to Bluebeard, an aristocratic ogre with a reputation for murdering his wives. The Princess must employ all her cunning to outwit her husband and escape.

***Bon Voyage* (DVD FOREIGN BON)** 115 min. 2003. Following the premiere of her latest picture, Viviane finds a dead man in her Paris apartment. Frédéric is a writer whom Viviane has falsely accused of murder. Once he escapes from prison, he follows her to Bordeaux. When they reach the chaotic city, they become involved with a rickety physicist, his resourceful assistant, an amiable ex-con, a shady reporter, and several bottles of heavy water that absolutely, positively must not fall into the hands of the Germans.

***Boudu Saved from Drowning (DVD FOREIGN BOU)*** 84 min. 1932. A wealthy bookseller rescues a tramp from a suicidal plunge into the Seine and his family dedicates itself to reforming him. He shows his gratitude by shaking the household to its foundations, challenging the hidebound principles of his hosts.

***Breathless (DVD FOREIGN BRE)*** 90 min. 1960. A car thief shoots a policeman and hides in Paris with an American girl, trying to hustle enough cash for a getaway.

***The Bridesmaid (DVD FOREIGN BRI)*** 106 min. 2004. It's love at first sight when bridesmaid Senta falls into the life of Phillipe at the wedding of his younger sister. As their passion intensifies, Phillipe discovers that Senta is shrouded in mystery. When she asks Phillipe to perform a terrible deed as proof of his love for her, Phillipe must come to terms with who his lover might really be.

***Brother Sun, Sister Moon (DVD FOREIGN BRO)*** 121 min. 1973. A compelling, insightful look at the early years of Francis of Assisi, who abandoned a life of wealth and comfort to seek a spiritual union with the world.

***Brotherhood of the Wolf (DVD FOREIGN BRO)*** 151 min. 2002. Two unlikely heroes are called to fight a beast ravaging the countryside. They must face their fears, unearth a dark power, and reveal a deadly secret.

***Caché (DVD FOREIGN CAC)*** 118 min. 2005. A talk show host and his family seem to live an ideal life until videotapes of their private lives appear on their front porch. The videos lead to conflict, obsession, and deceit for the couple and bring memories of the husband's childhood when he wronged an Algerian boy.

***Café de Flore (DVD FOREIGN CAF)*** 120 min. 2011. In 2011, Antoine has a girlfriend, Rose, and is raising his two daughters. However, Antoine is still infatuated with his ex-wife Carole, the mother of his children. Carole hopes he'll return to her, although there's little evidence to suggest he will. In 1969, Jacqueline is a single mother raising a seven-year-old son with Down Syndrome. Jacqueline and Carole share a special connection.

***La Cage aux Folles (DVD FOREIGN CAG)*** 97 min. 1978. This is a gender-bending farce about the owner of a drag-revue nightclub, his high-strung transvestite "companion," and a wedding that defies all odds.

***Cairo Time (DVD FOREIGN CAI)*** 90 min. 2009. Magazine editor Juliette arrives in Cairo to meet her husband Mark, a UN official in Gaza. When he is delayed, Mark sends his former security officer Tareq to show Juliette the city. As she adjusts to the rhythm of Cairo life, she finds herself falling for the city's charms and Tareq, also.

***Camille Claudel (DVD FOREIGN CAM)*** 159 min. 1989. This is an accurate story of an important collaboration in art history, that of legendary sculptor Rodin and the creative prodigy Camille Claudel.

***Carlos (DVD FOREIGN CAR)*** In Arabic, Cantonese, English, French, German, Hungarian, Japanese, Russian or Spanish, with English captions. 339 min. 2011. This is an epic, intensely detailed account of the life of the infamous international terrorist Ilich Ramirez Sanchez – also known as Carlos the Jackal. One of the twentieth century's most wanted fugitives, Carlos was committed to violent left-wing activism throughout the seventies and eighties, orchestrating bombings, kidnappings, and hijackings in Europe and the Middle East.

***Le Cercle Rouge (DVD FOREIGN CER)*** 140 min. 1970. A master thief is fresh out of prison. But instead of toeing the line, his steps lead back to the shadowy world of crime. He, a notorious escapee, and an alcoholic ex-cop plan a jewel heist, while being pursued by a police superintendent.

***La Cérémonie (DVD FOREIGN CER)*** 111 min. 1996. Catherine hires the illiterate Sophie to work as her maid at her remote home in the French countryside. But Sophie soon falls under the influence of the mysterious Jeanne and suddenly the stage is set for murder, violence and betrayal.

***Certified Copy (Copie Conforme) (DVD FOREIGN CER)*** In French with some sequences in English and Italian, with English captions. 106 min. 2010. What starts as a straightforward tale of two people getting to know each other gradually reveals itself as something richer, stranger, and trickier: a mind-bending reflection on authenticity, in art as well as in relationships. This film reminds us that love itself is an enigma.

***Cesar*** 168 min. 1936. See *The Fanny Trilogy*.

***Cet Amour-Là (DVD FOREIGN CET)*** 95 min. 2001. Marguerite Duras is one of the most widely read French novelists today. She had a celebrated love affair with Yann, her much younger muse and apprentice. The film also offers an insight into the heart and mind of one of the world's literary figures.

***Changing Times (DVD FOREIGN CHA)*** In French or Arabic, with English captions. 100 min. 2004. Antoine still has feelings for his first love Cecile after 30 years and arranges to be reunited with her in Morocco in the hope of rekindling their love.

***Children of Love (DVD FOREIGN CHI)*** 87 min. 2002. Michael, Winnie, and Aurelie are three children of divorced parents. As they prepare to spend the weekend with their fathers, Winnie suffers from a difficult relationship with her father and a lack of her stepfather's affection. For Michael, his father is a hero and he blames his stepfather for the divorce. Aurelie is happy to see her father and doesn't understand her siblings.

***Children of Paradise (DVD FOREIGN CHI)*** 190 min. 1945. This is the story of theatrical society in 19th century Paris and the love between the mime Debureau and the courtesan Garance, who is also loved by an aristocrat, a criminal, and an actor.

***Children of the Century (DVD FOREIGN CHI)*** 137 min. 2004. This is the story of the tempestuous and passionate love affair between George Sand and poet Alfred de Musset, two of the 19th century's most headstrong Romanticists. Official Selection at the Cannes Film Festival.

***The Chorus (DVD FOREIGN CHO)*** 97 min. 2004. Unemployed music teacher Clement Mathieu becomes the supervisor at a boarding school for the rehabilitation of minors. Dismayed by the repressive administration, he works to positively transform the students' lives through music.

***A Christmas Tale (DVD FOREIGN CHR)*** 152 min. 2008. Junon is the matriarch of the troubled Vuillard family, who comes together at Christmas after she finds she needs a bone marrow transplant from a blood relative. The Vuillard's history of physical and mental illness, estrangement, self harm, and loss doesn't lead to a cheerful holiday season. Hopefully the Christmastime reunion will finally bring peace to their family.

***Claire's Knee (DVD FOREIGN CLA)*** 106 min. 1970. On vacation without his fiancée, a diplomat flirts with one woman, but harbors a secret obsession for her stunning teenage sister.

***The Class (DVD FOREIGN CLA)*** 130 min. 2008. François and his fellow teachers prepare for a new year at a high school in a tough neighborhood. Although they try to give the best education, the teens' difficult behavior jeopardizes a teacher's enthusiasm for the low-paying job. François insists on respect and diligence, and his frankness takes the students by surprise. But he is tested when his students challenge his methods.



***Classe Tous Risques (DVD FOREIGN CLA)*** 108 min. 1960. Exiled from France, underworld kingpin Abel Davos has been living for nearly a decade in Milan, even acquiring a family. In spite of the death sentence hanging over his head, Davos wants to return with them to France. His old mob cronies have gone bourgeois and affluent, reluctant to help, sending just one young thief, Eric Stark, to his aid. An exploration of the importance of loyalty and honor among thieves, this film shows exactly what “stand-up guys” stand up for. Stark is the only Parisian gangster who understands the code they have forgotten and does his best to live by it.

***The Closet (DVD FOREIGN CLO)*** 85 min. 2000. François, an accountant in a condom factory, is about to be fired. To prevent this, his neighbor creates photos and spreads a rumor that François is gay, hoping management will fear a lawsuit for sexual discrimination. But the plan goes awry...

***Coco before Chanel (DVD FOREIGN COC)*** 110 min. 2009. After she is left at an orphanage by her father, Gabrielle Chanel works in a tailor shop where she meets, and begins an affair with, millionaire Etienne Balsan. Baron Balsan introduces her into French society and gives her the opportunity to design hats. Her career takes off, but her personal life becomes complicated when she falls in love with Balsan's former friend Arthur Capel.

***Coco Chanel and Igor Stravinsky (DVD FOREIGN COC)*** 119 min. 2009. By the 1920s, Coco Chanel has established herself in the fashion world. After a disastrous reaction to a production of his Rite of Spring ballet, Igor Stravinsky is a penniless refugee living in exile. When the two are introduced, the attraction is immediate and together they embark on an affair, which results in a period of great artistic achievement for both artists.

***Code Unknown (DVD FOREIGN COD)*** 113 min. 2000. On a Paris street corner, four separate lives intersect, weaving together the lives of a promising actress, her photojournalist boyfriend, a teacher of African descent, and a Romanian illegal immigrant, creating a portrait of life in a fractured, lonely world.

***Comedy of Power (DVD FOREIGN COM)*** 110 min. 2006. After locking up an embezzling CEO, Jeanne pushes the limits of her power even further and winds up in a dangerous game of threats and intimidation.

***La Commune (Paris 1871) (DVD FOREIGN COM)*** 76 min. 2000. Poor, working-class Parisians rose up against the "bourgeois" French government, which fled the capital and moved to Versailles. As the historical drama unfolded, it was "covered" by two television news crews - one from "National TV Versailles," which broadcast the official version and the other from "Commune TV," giving voice to the rebellious Communards.

***Confidentially Yours (DVD FOREIGN CON)*** 110 min. 1983. A businessman accused of murdering his wife and her lover hides in his office to avoid capture. His secretary, who is secretly in love with him, must save him.

***The Conquest (DVD FOREIGN CON)*** 105 min. 2011. This film views Nicolas Sarkozy's rise to the French presidency through the lens of his unraveling marriage to then-wife Cecilia. The future president is shown as a bold and unashamed virtuoso of political combat, whose inattention to his disintegrating domestic partnership emerges as his chief vulnerability.

***Coteau Rouge (DVD FOREIGN COT)*** 86 min. 2012. Four generations of the Blanchard family live in a popular neighborhood in Longueuil under the watchful eye of patriarch Honore Blanchard, a retired fisherman who used to make extra money by disposing of corpses.

***Les Cousins (DVD FOREIGN COU)*** 112 min. 1959. Claude Chabrol crafts a moral fable about a provincial boy who comes to live with his sophisticated bohemian cousin in Paris. Through these seeming opposites, Chabrol conjures a character study that questions notions of good and evil, love and jealousy, and success. A mirror image of *Le Beau Serge*, *Les Cousins* recasts that film's stars in reversed roles.

*Cry of the Heart (Le Cri du Coeur)* (DVD FOREIGN CRY) 97 min. 1974. Love is hard, especially for a single mother with a spoiled child. When their home is torn by divorce, it seems like the end of the world, but when broken hearts mend and the single mother tries to start anew, she faces the resentment of her son and the prejudices of society. Can she begin a new life as her boy struggles with his teenage, sexual fascinations?

*Cyrano de Bergerac* (DVD FOREIGN CYR) 138 min. 1990. In 17th-century Paris, a long-nosed poet and swordsman helps his friend win the girl he himself loves.

*D13-U. District 13 Ultimatum* (DVD FOREIGN D13) 101 min. 2009. Two years have passed since police officer Damien Tomasso teamed up with reformed vigilante Leito to save District 13, a racially charged ghetto of drug-dealing gangs and killers. Despite government promises to maintain order, the district has deteriorated. Corrupt cops and officials conspire to cash in on the redevelopment. Damian and Leito must join forces again.

*Daddy Nostalgia* (DVD FOREIGN DAD) 112 min. 1990. The estranged daughter of a screenwriter rushes home to her ill father to come to terms with her feelings for him.

*Dancer in the Dark* (DVD FOREIGN DAN) 141 min. 2000. A rural American factory worker, Selma, is losing her eyesight from a hereditary disease. To protect her son from the same disease, she is saving her money to get him an operation. But a neighbor betrays her trust, and her life spirals out of control.

*Danton* (DVD FOREIGN DAN) 136 min. 1982. Georges Danton, the popular revolutionary leader, returns to Paris at a time when the new Republic is in disarray. Robespierre and his allies have set up a monstrous dictatorship, beginning the infamous "Reign of Terror." Danton pleads with the people for an end to the bloodshed that violates the spirit of their revolution.

*Day for Night* (DVD FOREIGN DAY) 116 min. 1973. The leading lady is recovering from a nervous breakdown, another performer is soused on the set, trade unions threaten to walk, shooting must somehow finish before the insurance lapses and a cat needed in a scene can't hit its mark. Is this any way to make a movie? *Day for Night* is François Truffaut's sly humorous bouquet to movies and the people who make them.

*Days of Glory* (DVD FOREIGN DAY) 125 min. 2006. A WWII French Algerian Unit fought its way across Europe while battling discrimination within. The French armed forces prepare to land troops in Europe to reclaim their homeland from the Axis Powers, but they cannot accomplish this without recruiting men from their African colonies. The Africans start their journey full of hope, but as they approach their goal, they realize that their enemy is not necessarily the Germans. A Cannes Film Festival winner, an Academy Award nominee.

*Declaration of War* (DVD FOREIGN DEC) 100 min. 2011. When their young son is diagnosed with a brain tumor, Roméo and Juliette unite in the fight for his survival.

*The Decline of the American Empire* (DVD FOREIGN DEC) 102 min. 1986. Four male university teachers gather to prepare a dinner. They discuss sex, females, and their affairs. Their dinner guests are at a health gym discussing sex, the female body, and men. Later they meet for dinner where candid conversations, revelations, confrontation, and sex begin.

*Delicacy* (DVD FOREIGN DEL) 105 min. 2011. After the death of her soul mate, Nathalie loses interest in life and finds love again in the most unexpected place.

*Delicatessen* (DVD FOREIGN DEL) 99 min. 1991. In a futuristic society where meat is a rare commodity, a delicatessen serves up its customers as a nutritious replacement.

*Les Destinées* (DVD FOREIGN DES) 173 min. 2001. Jean, heir to a Limoges porcelain factory, divorces his wife but gives his fortune to her. He remarries but is asked to return to run the factory. His responsibilities, plus fighting in the Great War, change him and his relationship with his new wife.

*Le Deuxieme Souffle* (DVD FOREIGN DEU) 144 min. 1966. A French criminal, recently escaped from prison and trying to pull off a robbery, is chased by an inspector.

*Diabolique* (DVD FOREIGN DIA) 116 min. 1954. A headmaster brutalizes his wife and his mistress. The women murder him and dump his body in a swimming pool; when the pool is drained, no corpse is found.

*The Diary of a Chambermaid* (DVD FOREIGN DIA) 98 min. 1964. In the 1930s, a chambermaid with Paris flair gets a job at a country estate. The family and the other staff members are strange, and she must adjust to country living and neighbor rivalry. After a child is murdered, she is suspicious as to who may be responsible.

*Diary of a Country Priest* (DVD FOREIGN DIA) 115 min. 1950. A new priest arrives in a French village to attend to his first parish. The rural congregation rejects him immediately. Through his country diary entries, the suffering young man relays a crisis of faith that threatens to drive him away from the village and God.

*The Dinner Game* (DVD FOREIGN DIN) 81 min. 1998. Pierre and his snobbish friends have a standing date for dinner every week, competing to see who can bring the biggest idiot to the party.

*The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie* (DVD FOREIGN DIS) 101, 98 min. 1972. An upper-class sextet assembles for a dinner party, but when they try to eat, a vaudevillian mixture of events thwarts them.

*The Disenchanted* (DVD FOREIGN DIS) 78 min. 2001. Beth is a young Parisian girl whose boyfriend, during an argument, dares her to bed the ugliest man she can find. It becomes a test of love, courage, and will.

*Diva* (DVD FOREIGN DIV) 123 min. 1981. Jules, a young mail courier, is an impassioned fan of Cynthia Hawkins, a legendary, and determinedly unrecorded opera star. He smuggles a tape recorder into a performance and tapes her singing. At the same time, a prostitute hides a tape recording that details the career of a French mobster in Jules' delivery bag. Dizzying chases and bizaare plot twists follow, as Jules is pursued through Paris.

*The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* (DVD FOREIGN DIV) In French, English, or Spanish, with French, English, or Spanish captions. 112 min. 2007. The French editor of *Elle* magazine, Jean-Dominique Bauby, in 1995, at the age of 43, suffered a stroke that paralyzed all but his left eye. Blinking his memoir, Bauby described the torment of being trapped inside his body and shared stories from his imagination.

*Domain* (DVD FOREIGN DOM) 110 min. 2012. On the edge of adulthood, 17-year-old Pierre is obsessed with his aunt Nadia. A flamboyant mathematician whose intellect clashes with her alcoholism and fatalistic views, Nadia is on a path to self-destruct. As Pierre discovers his budding sexuality, he attempts to rescue his aunt from herself, resulting in a dark, sexy mediation on the intersection of two lives with different trajectories.

*Don Juan* (DVD FOREIGN DON) 91 min. 1998. The nobleman Don Juan is on the run from two brothers for abandoning their sister before marriage. With no signs of repentance, Don Juan continues his amorous conquests with women he meets along the way, regardless of the consequences.



***La Donation* (DVD FOREIGN DON)** 95 min. 2010. Dr. Rainville, a country doctor with a deep attachment to his patients, is about to retire and is looking for a successor. Jeanne Dion, an emergency room doctor from Montreal, agrees to replace him for a few weeks, with no plans to stay. Then Dr. Rainville suddenly dies.

***Donkey Skin* (DVD FOREIGN DON)** 89 min. 1970, restored in 2003. A princess flees marriage to her father by wearing his prize donkey skin as a disguise. When a neighboring prince comes to town, a romance is born.

***Double Life of Veronique* (DVD FOREIGN DOU)** In French and Polish, with English captions. 97 min. 1991. Weronika is a Polish choir soprano, and her double, Véronique, is a French music teacher. Though they are unknown to each other, the two women share an enigmatic, purely emotional bond.

***Le Doulos* (DVD FOREIGN DOU)** 109 min. 1962. In gangster slang, 'doulos' means 'hat.' In the slang shared by criminals and police, 'doulos' designates its wearer: the informer. Through back streets of Paris, two underworld characters encounter a deadly entanglement of their own making. Faugel, a thief released from prison, and Silien, his best friend and suspicious character, are up against shady nightclub owner Nuttheccio and the police's Capt. Clain, ruthless as a criminal. The gangsters know two things: their honor is all they can take to the grave, and that date is coming all too soon. This film by Jean-Pierre Melville is full of shadows, night, trench coats, guns, tough guys, cigarettes, slinky dames, cocktail bars, crooked cops, betrayal, and loot.

***Dreams of Dust* (DVD FOREIGN DRE)** 86 min. 2006. A Nigerien peasant comes looking for work in Essakane, a dusty gold mine in northeast Burkina Faso, Africa. He quickly finds out the gold rush ended twenty years before and the inhabitants of this wasteland manage to exist simply from force of habit.

***The Earrings of Madame de...* (DVD FOREIGN EAR)** 100 min. 1953. The wife of a 19th century General sells the earrings her husband gave her on their wedding day to pay off debts, which sets off a chain reaction of deceit that includes her husband, his mistress, and her lover.

***8 Women* (DVD FOREIGN EIG)** 111 min. 2002. A wealthy industrialist is murdered in his home while his family gathers for the holiday season. The house is isolated and the phone lines have been cut. Eight women are his potential murderers. Each is a suspect and each has a motive. Only one is guilty.

***Eldorado* (DVD FOREIGN ELD)** 81 min. 2008. When Yvan, a quick-tempered vintage car dealer, catches young burglar and ex-junkie Elie trying to rob him, Yvan becomes strangely attached to Elie and agrees to drive him home to his parents in his old Chevrolet, leading to a bizarre journey through Belgium for the two loners.

***Elevator to the Gallows* (DVD FOREIGN ELE)** 92 min. 1957. Florence Carala and her lover Julien Tavernier, an ex-paratrooper, want to murder her husband by faking a suicide.

***L'Enfant* (DVD FOREIGN LEN)** 96 min. 2005. When a small-time crook and his young girlfriend have a child, he sells the baby. When his girlfriend finds out, she is hospitalized with shock. While she recovers, he tries to retrieve their son and redeem himself.

***Etoiles: Dancers of the Paris Opera Ballet* (792.8 DVD ETO)** 97 min. 2003. Celebrate the Paris Opera Ballet by weaving together rehearsals, interviews, and snapshots as the dancers work. Delve into the psychology of dancers who share how and why they endure the emotional and physical hardships of the drive to be on stage.

***Eyes Without a Face* (DVD FOREIGN EYE)** 90 min. 1959. A plastic surgeon in a Paris mansion is slicing off the faces of kidnapped women and grafting the skin onto his beloved daughter, disfigured in an car accident.



***The Fairy (DVD FOREIGN FAI)*** 94 min. 2012. In this charming adventure, a hotel clerk named Dom falls in love with a fairy who grants him three wishes. After the first two wishes come true, she mysteriously disappears. Determined to get her back, Dom searches everywhere, hoping to reunite with his one true love.

***The Fall of the House of Usher (DVD FOREIGN FAL)*** Silent with music score; French intertitles spoken in English. 66 min. 1928. In an aristocratic English family, the young lord finds to his horror, while painting his wife's portrait, that as the work progresses life drains from his lady. In this poetic horror film, called by some the most outstanding achievement of this genre, an absolute mastery of editing and rhythm is employed with lighting and Gothic sets combining to impart an unearthly sense of mystery.

***Familia (DVD FOREIGN FAM)*** 102 min. 2005. Mimi, a divorced aerobics instructor who is up to her ears in debt, leaves Montreal with her restless 14-year-old daughter and moves in with her childhood friend.

***Familiar Grounds (DVD FOREIGN FAM)*** 88 min. 2011. Maryse, a factory worker, lives a dreary suburban life with her husband. Her brother Benoit is trapped in endless adolescence, enamored with a single mom whose son does not approve of their relationship. An accident at the factory, a strange series of coincidences, and the arrival of a man claiming to come from the future launch Maryse and Benoit on a life-changing road trip.

***The Fanny Trilogy (DVD FOREIGN FAN)*** *Marius*: 130 min., 1931. *Fanny*: 140 min., 1932. *Cesar*: 168 min., 1936. Marcel Pagnol's masterpiece captures the spirit and the soul of life among a small group of friends and relatives living in the French seaport city of Marseilles. Three films center on the lives of a Marseilles bar owner, César, his son Marius, a young girl named Fanny, and another merchant named Honoré Parisse.

***Far Side of the Moon (DVD FOREIGN FAR)*** 106 min. 2003. After his mother's death, a man looks for meaning in his life and the universe and works to rebuild a relationship with his brother.

***Farewell (DVD FOREIGN FAR)*** 113 min. 2011. In 1981, after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, U.S.-Soviet relations are at their lowest point in more than a decade. A French businessman based in Moscow, Pierre Froment, makes a connection with Grigoriev, a KGB officer disenchanted with what the Communist ideal has become under Brezhnev. Grigoriev begins passing him information about the Soviet spy network in the U.S.

***Fat Girl (DVD FOREIGN FAT)*** 86 min. 2004. Twelve-year-old Anaïs is fat. Her sister, Eléna, is a beauty. Eléna meets an Italian law student, who seduces her with promises of love, as the ever-watchful Anaïs bears witness to the corruption of her sister's innocence.

***Father of My Children (DVD FOREIGN FAT)*** 111 min. 2009. Gregoire, a film producer, has it all, a beautiful wife, three adorable daughters, wealth and a buzzing career. He seems invincible, maintaining humor and charm as he juggles the demands of his production company with his family's needs. But when Gregoire's reserves reach a breaking point, his family's love and resilience is tested as their world changes.

***The Fire Within (DVD FOREIGN FIR)*** 108 min. 1963. Alain Leroy is a self-destructive writer in a private hospital for treatment of alcoholism. The doctor only sees the surface problem and says it's time for Alain to leave the hospital. Alain resolves to commit suicide, but first he goes to Paris to reconnect with old friends.

***Flanders (DVD FOREIGN FLA)*** 91 min. 2006. André is forced to leave his secret love, Barbe, to serve as a soldier. On his last night of freedom, he witnesses Barbe and another local sleeping together in a parking lot. A twist of fate forces the two men to fight side by side.

***Flight of the Red Balloon (DVD FOREIGN FLI)*** 115 min. 2008. This was inspired by Albert Lamorisse's classic 1956 Academy award winning short film, "Flight of the Red Balloon." A young boy, dealing with the increased fragility of his loving but preoccupied mother, finds himself in a unique extended family when a Taiwan film student helps care for him.

***Food Beware: the French Organic Revolution (664 DVD FOO)*** 112 min. 2009. In the mountains of France, the mayor of a small town brings locally grown organic foods to the school's lunch menu, providing safe food products and a healthy diet to the children. It features abuses of the food industry; challenges and rewards of safe food production; practical solutions; and interviews with children, parents, teachers, scientists, and more.

***Forbidden Games (DVD FOREIGN FOR)*** 85 min. 1952. A young girl traumatized and orphaned by war is taken in by a peasant family. She becomes attached to 10-year-old Michel and together they build a small cemetery where they bury her dog and other animals, stealing crosses from the local graveyard.

***The 400 Blows (DVD FOREIGN FOU)*** 99 min. 1959. The first in the Antoine Doinel series, this is a semi-autobiographical tale of a lonely 14-year-old Parisian youth buffeted by school and family problems. It portrays his aloof parents, oppressive teachers, petty crime, and a lifetime friendship. The film won the Best Director award at the 1959 Cannes Film Festival. Also includes the short film "Antoine and Colette," picking up Antoine's story a few years later, when he is living on his own and pursuing his first love affair, initiating a lifelong career of quixotic dreams and amorous restlessness.

***La France (DVD FOREIGN FRA)*** 102 min. 2007. Camille is awaiting news of her husband, who is fighting at the front. After she receives a letter ending their relationship, she dresses up as a boy and joins a wandering regiment in search of him. Skirting the edges of battlefields, the platoon haunts the screen like shell-shocked specters, awakening for four uncannily beautiful musical numbers played on homemade string instruments.

***Free Men (DVD FOREIGN FRE)*** In French, with French captions. 95 min. 2011. This is the little-known, fictionalized story of a handful of Muslim agents who fought for the French Resistance. They used the Mosque of Paris as the base for operations that included rescuing Jewish fugitives and assassinating Vichy informants.

***A French Gigolo (DVD FOREIGN FRE)*** 103 min. 2008. Marco leads a double life. He is a construction worker, but rich ladies craving sexual excitation know him as Patrick. As Marco, he is married to Fanny, a young businesswoman. Marco/Patrick is not a male prostitute at heart: he does the job in order to support his wife's business. This doesn't prevent Judith, an elegant tele-shopping presenter who buys his services, from falling in love with him. When Fanny learns what Marco does, she first gets mad but soon interferes.

***The French Revolution (944.04 DVD FRE)*** 2005. A dethroned king, a flamboyant queen, the storming of a fortress prison, and an infamous bloodbath known as the Reign of Terror: this is an epic tale of political rebellion and economic upheaval. This film delves into the instability ushered in by the revolution and Louis XVI, Marie-Antoinette, Maximilien Robespierre, Jean-Paul Marat, Georges Danton, and Charlotte Corday.

***Gabrielle (DVD FOREIGN GAB)*** 90 min. 2005. Jean is a publisher with refined tastes and abundant possessions, among which he seems to include his wife, Gabrielle. One afternoon, Gabrielle leaves him for another man and then abruptly reverses her decision. Jean's beliefs about his life and marriage fall apart.

***Gainsbourg (DVD FOREIGN GAI)*** 130 min. 2010. Comic book artist Joann Sfar delivers a biography of French singer Serge Gainsbourg. Born Lucien Ginsburg to Russian-Jewish parents, Sfar follows his childhood in Nazi-occupied Paris, his transition from painter to jazz musician to pop superstar, and his relationships with Juliette Greco, Brigitte Bardot, and Jane Birkin. She employs a style and soundtrack of 1960s Paris.



***The Girl from Paris (DVD FOREIGN GIR)*** 103 min. 2001. In this touching story of growth, Sandrine is a Parisienne who tires of the rat race and buys Adrien's farm, with the caveat that he remain onsite for a time.

***The Girl on the Train (DVD FOREIGN GIR)*** 105 min. 2009. Jeanne lives with her mother Louise, who earns her living by childcare. Jeanne is half-heartedly looking for a job. Louise hopes to get her daughter a job with lawyer Samuel Bleistein. Jeanne invents a lie that grows into the day's biggest news and political story.

***Girls Can't Swim (DVD FOREIGN GIR)*** 98 min. 2000. Teenagers Gwen and Lise will not vacation together this year as Lise's father's death keeps her at home. Gwen explores her sexuality with the local boys. Lise arrives unexpectedly, causing awkward, tender, and angry days as they re-examine their friendship.

***Going Places (DVD FOREIGN GOI)*** 118 min. 1974. Jean-Claude and Pierrot are crude drifters who travel the French countryside in pursuit of petty crimes and wanton sex. When their abduction of a frigid young beautician becomes an exercise in frustration, they find solace in a sex-starved ex-convict. Can two lovable but amoral brutes survive an increasingly strange spree of love, pain, responsibility, car theft, and nymphomania?

***Grand Illusion (DVD FOREIGN GRA)*** 111 min. 1938. In this classic adventure, duty and honor conflict in a German prisoner of war camp during World War I, when an aristocratic French officer becomes friends with the commandant, yet cooperates with his comrades in a daring escape.

***Le Grand Voyage (DVD FOREIGN GRA)*** In French and Arabic, with English captions. 108 min. 2004. Before his college entrance exams, Réda, a young man from southern France, feels obligated to drive his father to Mecca. The cultural and generational gap between them is worsened by their lack of communication. Réda finds it hard to accommodate his father, who demands respect for himself and his pilgrimage. From France, through Italy, Serbia, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan to Saudi Arabia, their road trip will change their lives.

***The Grocer's Son (Le Fils de l'Epicier) (DVD FOREIGN GRO)*** 96 min. 2008. Thirty-year-old Antoine must leave the city to return to Provence. His father is sick, so Antoine must drive the family grocery cart from hamlet to hamlet, delivering supplies to the few remaining inhabitants. Accompanied by Claire, a friend from Paris, Antoine gradually warms up to his experience in the country and his encounters with the villagers, who initially seem stubborn and gruff, but ultimately prove to be funny and endearing. This surprise French box-office hit is about the coming-of-age of a man re-discovering life and love in the countryside.

***Happily Ever After (DVD FOREIGN HAP)*** 105 min. 2004. They may look happily married, but Vincent and Gabrielle are having doubts about their relationship. Vincent begins to weigh his options. While his evasiveness increases, Gabrielle finds herself considering an affair of her own.

***He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not (DVD FOREIGN HE)*** 96 min. 2002. A student in love with a married doctor entreats him to leave his pregnant wife. Is the affair a hopeless obsessive dream that turns into a nightmare when she realizes it may not come true?

***Heartbeat Detector (DVD FOREIGN HEA)*** 141 min. 2008. A psychologist working for a large corporation discovers a startling link between big business and Nazism.

***Heartbreaker (DVD FOREIGN HEA)*** 105 min. 2011. Alex is a romantic for hire. If your daughter or sister is falling for the wrong man, Alex will get her to fall for him, watch her dump the loser, and then break her heart by leaving. She'll be sad but wiser and lucky to have avoided a bad relationship. It's a profitable business with one rule: don't fall in love. When Alex is hired to woo Juliette, he breaks her heart, and his own rule.



***Hedgehog (Le Hérisson)* (DVD FOREIGN HED)** 99 min. 2009. Paloma is a serious and highly articulate but bored 11-year-old who has decided to kill herself on her 12th birthday. Fascinated by art and philosophy, she questions and documents her life and immediate circle, drawing trenchant and hilarious observations on her world. As her appointment with death approaches, Paloma meets some kindred spirits in her building's grumpy janitor and an enigmatic, elegant neighbor, who inspire her to question her pessimistic outlook.

***Heir Apparent: Largo Winch* (DVD FOREIGN HEI)** In French, Albanian, English or Serbo-Croatian, with English captions. 108 min. 2008. When billionaire financier Nerio Winch is murdered, his second in command must locate his heir, an unknown adopted son, Largo. But first Largo, a twenty-something adventurer, must overcome drug traffickers, assassins, corporate raiders, and double-dealing insiders to fulfill his destiny.

***Hello Goodbye* (DVD FOREIGN HEL)** 98 min. 2008. Alain is a doctor who has been married to Gisele most of his adult life. To embrace their Jewish heritage, they decide to move from Paris to Tel Aviv.

***Hidden Love* (DVD FOREIGN HID)** 103 min. 2008. A mother was consumed with guilt and feelings of inadequacy when she gave birth. Disconnected from Sophie as a new mother, Danielle seemed to do nothing right. Sophie now has her own tale to tell as the past is slowly stripped of its secrets. In the present, the two of them clearly hate each other. This is the mountain that both must climb if they have any hope of moving on.

***Hideaway* (DVD FOREIGN HID)** 90 min. 2011. Mousse and Louis are young, beautiful, rich, and in love, but drugs have invaded their lives. After Louis' fatal overdose, Mousse learns she is pregnant. Feeling lost, Mousse escapes to a beautiful beach house far from Paris and is joined in her refuge by Louis' gay brother, Paul. The two strangers develop an unusual and deeply moving relationship.

***Hiroshima, Mon Amour* (DVD FOREIGN HIR)** 90 min. 1959. While filming an anti-war film in Japan, a French actress falls in love with a Japanese architect. They also share the memories of a war experienced at opposite sides of the world.

***L'Histoire de Jen* (DVD FOREIGN HIS)** 113 min. 2011. After her father dies, a girl tries to deal with school, the neighbors, her depressed mother, and the feelings she has for her uncle, who moves into the house.

***Home* (DVD FOREIGN HOM)** 98 min. 2008. A family's peaceful existence is threatened when a busy highway is opened only meters away from their isolated house in the middle of nowhere. Refusing to move, Marthe, Michel, and their three children find innovative ways to adapt to their new environment.

***Honey & Ashes* (DVD FOREIGN HON)** In French and Arabic, with English captions. 80 min. 1996. Lives of three Tunisian women, united only by the treatment of their gender by their countrymen, intersect in this drama that quietly protests the oppression of women in North African Moslem countries.

***Hop* (DVD FOREIGN HOP)** In French and Dutch, with English captions. 107 min. 2002. All Justin and his father want is to enjoy a soccer game together. This sparks a chain of events leading to his father's deportation, and Justin finds himself alone and on the run. Enlisting the help of a former anarchist, Justin embarks on an adventure to reunite with his father. But to fight the system, he will need to apply the secret of the Hop.

***The Horseman on the Roof* (DVD FOREIGN HOR)** 119 min. 1990. In a world of revolution, two strangers – a renegade and a beautiful countess – find their chance for survival in each other. They undertake a journey of unmatched danger, excitement and passion.

***House of Pleasures (DVD FOREIGN HOU)*** 125 min. 2012. Madam Marie-France provides a glamorous life for some of the most alluring women in Paris, but treats them as virtual slaves. A cheerful girl has a regular adoring john, one beauty disdains all the men fighting for her services, a long-legged stunner nears the end of her career, and a sweet and trusting new girl winds up with a rough customer.

***Human Resources (DVD FOREIGN HUM)*** 103 min. 1999. Franck is an intern in Human Resources at a factory where his father works. When Franck's efforts to better the company lead to the firing of many employees, including his father, a furious confrontation ensues.

***I Do (DVD FOREIGN I)*** 89 min. 2009. Luis is happily single, enjoys his job, and is pampered by his mother and sisters. All that changes when his family decides he should get married. Luis hatches a plot to avoid their plans: he'll hire the "perfect" woman to stand him up at the altar.

***L'Iceberg (DVD FOREIGN LIC)*** 84 min. 2005. Fiona manages a fast-food restaurant and lives happily with her family until she gets locked into a walk-in freezer overnight. She escapes, only to find that her husband and children didn't notice she was missing! When Fiona develops an obsession for cold things, she drops everything, climbs into a frozen goods delivery truck and heads for a real iceberg.

***Illegal (DVD FOREIGN ILL)*** In French and Russian, with English captions. 95 min. 2010. Tania is a former teacher from Russia, living illegally in Belgium with her son, Ivan. When they are stopped for a police check, Tania is arrested and put in an immigration detention center while Ivan escapes. Threatened with deportation, Tania embarks on a journey, determined to preserve her dignity and find her son.

***I'm Glad My Mother is Alive (DVD FOREIGN IM)*** 90 min. 2009. Thomas is a troubled teenager who was given up for adoption as a toddler and is now obsessed with finding his birth mother. After searching for years, Thomas finally finds his mother single, with a young child, and living in a nearby suburb. Thomas starts a relationship with her that is part courtship and part obsession, which drives him to an act of madness.

***In the Beginning (DVD FOREIGN IN)*** 130 min. 2009. A professional conman poses as the construction boss building a highway extension. He cons the whole region, hires workers, and cynically enjoys the profits of his scam until he meets the lady mayor. She intrigues and unsettles him, revealing to him a world he never knew: feelings. How far will he go to save his victims and save himself from his own lies?

***In the City of Sylvia (DVD FOREIGN IN)*** 94 min. 2007. A young artist searches the winding streets of Strasbourg in search of an old love. While sketching the beautiful women he sees around him at an outdoor cafe, he believes he sees her and sets off to find her, dashing down city streets.

***Incendies (DVD FOREIGN INC)*** 130 min. 2011. After the death of their mother, a set of twins make a life-altering discovery. They travel to the Middle East to uncover the truth about the father they thought was dead who is still very much alive, and a brother they never knew existed. Along the way they piece together the story of the woman who brought them into the world, discovering a tragic fate as well as her exceptional courage.

***Inch'Allah Dimanche (DVD FOREIGN INC)*** In French and Arabic, with English captions. 98 min. 2001. "Family reunion," is the French government's euphemism for a 1974 law allowing Algerian wives to rejoin their husbands working in France. Strong-willed Zouina parts tearfully from her mother in the port of Algiers. Once in France, she and her three small children are at the mercy of her mother-in-law and confused by strange new customs. The radio is her only window on life and on the women of this new country.

***Les Indes Galantes (DVD MUSICAL IND)*** 244 min. 2005. This exuberant production of Jean-Philippe Rameau's 1735 opera presents four exotic love stories.

***Indochine (DVD FOREIGN IND)*** 156 min. 1992. In 1930s French Indochina, the Vietnamese begin to rebel against French colonialism. This film depicts the last years of French rule as seen by plantation owner Éliane and her adopted daughter Camille, an orphaned Annamese princess who becomes a Vietnamese revolutionary.

***Inspector Bellamy (DVD FOREIGN INS)*** 110 min. 2008. Inspector Bellamy tries to go on vacation, but murder travels with him, not to mention his black sheep of a brother, his bored wife, and enough suspects to fill a cruise ship. Even the inspector has a motive no one would suspect.

***Into Great Silence (271.71 DVD INT)*** Minimal dialogue in French and Latin, credits and some screen text in German, with English captions. 162 min. 2005. The Grande Chartreuse, home of the Carthusian Order and one of the most ascetic monasteries, is based in the French Alps. Using extended shots, no interviews, and no music other than chanting, it shows the monks' contemplation, work, and study.

***Irma Vep (DVD FOREIGN IRM)*** 96 min. 1997. A Cantonese actress copes with a demented director and eccentric crew on a Parisian film shoot. This is the remastered version.

***Is Paris Burning? (DVD FOREIGN IS)*** In English or French, with English captions. 172 min. 1966. As the Nazis march through Europe in 1944, the freedom fighters of Paris mount a brave resistance. Hitler sends a top general to determine if the city can be held. If not, Paris will be burned.

***It's Easier for a Camel (DVD FOREIGN ITS)*** 105 min. 2005. When Federica was young, she fantasized about foreign adventures. Now grown, her fantasies have evolved. Her career, boyfriend, and family make her struggle to find meaning in her life while the guilt of her wealth consumes her and pushes her over the edge.

***I've Loved You so Long (DVD FOREIGN IVE)*** 117 min. 2009. A shell-shocked Juliette is released from 15 years in prison for murdering her son. As life has moved on, she must relearn certain basics. Banished from her family, she is reunited with her younger sister. Hopefully, Juliette will learn to forgive herself in the process.

***Jean de Florette (DVD FOREIGN JEA)*** 121 min. 1986. A man inherits a farm and foolishly hopes to become a farmer. But before he even arrives, his neighbor plots to steal his land.

***Jeanne Dielman, 23, Quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles (DVD FOREIGN JEA)*** 201 min. 1975. The daily domestic routine of a middle-aged widow evokes a sense of impending doom. Her chores include making the beds, cooking dinner for her grown son, and turning the occasional trick. Her life is beginning to break down.

***Jesus of Montreal (DVD FOREIGN JES)*** 119 min. 1989. A Montreal shrine seeks to inspire its congregants by modernizing its staging of the passion play. A promising cast of vibrant young actors are signed on - one fresh from perfume commercials, another from the pornographic film industry, and another who had an affair with the basilica's priest - and quickly drive the production on to become a smash hit. But as the play enjoys success, the actors become more and more challenged to separate their real lives from their lives onstage.

***Le Jour Se Leve (DVD FOREIGN JOU)*** 90 min. 2009. A working-class man finds the only way to free the woman he loves from the arms of another is to commit murder.



***Joyeux Noel (DVD FOREIGN JOY)*** In French, English, and German, with English captions. 116 min. 2005. This film is based on the true story of three armies in the bloody trenches of World War I and the miraculous Christmas Eve truce they unexpectedly forge.

***Jules and Jim (DVD FOREIGN JUL)*** 105 min. 1962. Before World War I in Paris, a girl alternates between a French student, Jim, and a German student, Jules. After the war, they meet again and form a shifting triangle.

***Juste Avant la Nuit (Just Before Nightfall) (DVD FOREIGN JUS)*** 100 min. 1971. Charles Masson has an affair with Laura, the wife of his best friend, François Tellier. Charles strangles Laura when their S & M game goes too far. The apartment's owner saw Laura and Charles two months earlier, but she does not tell the police. Although the police do not seem to have any clues, Charles has a difficult time coping with the situation.

***Kilometre Zero (DVD FOREIGN KIL)*** In French, Kurdish, and Arabic, with English captions. 96 min. 2005. A Kurdish soldier and an Iraqi taxi driver work together to return the body of a fallen soldier to his family. The family happens to live on the other side of the country.

***Korkoro (DVD FOREIGN KOR)*** 111 min. 2011. During the Second World War, a Gypsy family travels the roads of France before learning that the Vichy regime no longer gives them the right to travel freely.

***Lady Chatterley (DVD FOREIGN LAD)*** 161 min. 2006. A young woman, unable to be intimate with her husband after his war injuries, seeks solace and physical passion in the arms of a gamekeeper.

***The Last Metro (DVD FOREIGN LAS)*** 131 min. 1980. In Nazi-occupied Paris, a Jewish director hides in his theater while his wife stars in its latest production. She and her leading man begin to fall in love, while a pro-Nazi theater critic causes stress to the entire cast.

***Last Year at Marienbad (DVD FOREIGN LAS)*** 94 min. 1961. X attempts to convince A that they met last year in this hotel (or maybe in a different one). They loved each other, emotionally and physically. She agreed to elope with him and leave M, her husband (or lover). At the last moment, she refused (for whatever reason) and asked for a one-year postponement. Now, the year has passed and X has come to take her away. A claims she does not recognize X and does not remember any agreement. At first, X is surprised, and he recounts their conversations and supporting details. A persists in not remembering, although X produces a photograph of her.

***Le Havre (DVD FOREIGN LE)*** 93 min. 2011. Marcel Marx, an old bohemian living in the French harbor city of Le Havre, stands up for a young African refugee when officials begin to pursue the boy for deportation.

***Leaving (DVD FOREIGN LEA)*** 86 min. 2011. When stay-at-home mom Suzanne wants to return to work, her husband agrees to remodel a garage for her office. Ivan, a sexy Spanish builder, enters and changes their lives in ways no one could have expected. Suzanne and Ivan are drawn together by a passion that threatens to destroy her marriage and her family. Her husband will stop at nothing to destroy her first.

***Léolo (DVD FOREIGN LEO)*** 107 min. 1992. Léolo Lozone, a twelve-year old dreamer, uses his imagination to escape the realities around him through writing.

***Léon Morin, Priest (DVD FOREIGN LEO)*** 117 min. 1961. All the women of a village in Nazi-occupied France have a crush on Léon Morin, a devoted man of the cloth. He is most drawn to a sexually frustrated widow, a borderline heretic whose relationship with her confessor is a confrontation with both God and her own repressed desire. This film is a triumph of mood, setting, and innuendo from one of French cinema's virtuosos.



***Let Joy Reign Supreme (DVD FOREIGN LET)*** 114 min. 1974. France, 1719. Louis 14th died four years ago and Philippe d'Orleans is the new regent. This film is a description of the court in this famed period of transition where the French Revolution smolders.

***Life and Nothing But (DVD FOREIGN LIF)*** 135 min. 1989. Two years after World War I, Major Dellaplane helps two women search for the men they have lost in the war.

***Look at Me (DVD FOREIGN LOO)*** In French with English or Spanish captions. 111 min. 2004. Lolita's father is a writer with egotistical behavior, and she wants his attention. She competes for her father's attention against those who could help her. When she meets a guy who likes her, Lolita finds she may be like her father.

***Lorna's Silence (DVD FOREIGN LOR)*** 105 min. 2008. Lorna is an Albanian woman who hopes to open a snack bar with her boyfriend. Without the money, she becomes entwined in a plan devised by mobster Fabio. A false marriage with Claudy will allow her to get her Belgian citizenship. Then Fabio will kill Claudy so Lorna can marry a Russian Mafioso who is anxious to get Belgian identity papers. But can Lorna keep quiet?

***Lourdes (DVD FOREIGN LOU)*** 96 min. 2009. Christine is a young woman who has been confined to a wheelchair for most of her life. In order to escape her isolation, she joins a party to Lourdes, the iconic site of pilgrimage in the Pyrenees Mountains, where they travel in hope of finding spiritual comfort or bodily cure.

***Love Me If You Dare (DVD FOREIGN LOV)*** 94 min. 2003. A childhood game of "dare" grows into an obsession for two friends, who, in adulthood, must choose between "the game" and their love.

***Love on the Run (DVD FOREIGN LOV)*** 95 min. 1979. In this fifth and final film of the Antoine Doinel series, Antoine is in his thirties, divorcing Christine. He enjoys some success as a novelist and clings to his romantic fantasies. Newly single, he directs his affections to salesgirl Sabine, because he believes that without love, one is nothing. Along the way he renews his acquaintance with previous loves and confronts his past.

***Love Songs (DVD FOREIGN LOV)*** 95 min. 2007. Three friends live together, have fun together, and sleep together. A death among them brings tragedy as the remaining two must pick up the pieces of their lives.

***The Lovers (DVD FOREIGN LOV)*** 90 min. 1958. A restless bourgeois wife finds her eye wandering from both her husband and her lover to an attractive passing stranger.

***The Lovers on the Bridge (DVD FOREIGN LOV)*** 126 min. 1991. A homeless artist, who is losing her sight, is drawn into a passionate relationship with a troubled street performer. Despite all obstacles, they find love and shelter on the famed Pont-Neuf Bridge in Paris. Their love will be tested by the artist's secret past.

***Madame Bovary (DVD FOREIGN MAD)*** 140 min. 1991. Bored with her life in 19th century France, a woman runs up debts and has adulterous affairs. When her life catches up with her, she resorts to suicide.

***Mademoiselle (DVD FOREIGN MAD)*** 103 min. 1966. A village in France is the unlikely setting for perversion and evil. A schoolteacher's suppressed sexual desire leads her to acts of destruction and a woodcutter awakens her passions.

***Mademoiselle (DVD FOREIGN MAD)*** 85 min. 2001. Claire is a young woman leading a subdued life. A medical representative for a pharmaceutical lab, she has a husband, two children, and certain happiness. Pierre is an improviser who lives from hand to mouth by entertaining at seminars and company conventions. The two meet, and, for 24 hours, they brush against each other, flirt, and talk during their brief encounter.



***Mademoiselle Chambon* (DVD FOREIGN MAD)** 101 min. 2009. Jean is a burly, happily married housing contractor. When he picks up his son from school, he meets the teacher, a willowy beauty named Mademoiselle Chambon. Their flirtation builds, and Jean soon has to choose between the intensity of his bond with Chambon or the responsibility and care he feels for his wife and child.

***Making Plans for Lena* (DVD FOREIGN MAK)** 107 min. 2009. Recently liberated from her job and husband, Lena heads home to Brittany with her two children to escape the chaos of Paris. However, from the moment she arrives, she is confronted with unwanted advice, character analysis that borders on character assassination, and other unexpected surprises.

***Man on the Train* (DVD FOREIGN MAN)** 90 min. 2002. A criminal and a retired poetry teacher meet in a French village and become unlikely friends. Each wishes to trade his life with the other.

***Manon of the Spring* (DVD FOREIGN MAN)** 114 min. 1986. Ten years after the tragic events of Jean de Florette, Manon (Jean's daughter) seeks revenge against those she holds responsible for her father's death.

***Marius***. 130 min. 1931. See *The Fanny Trilogy*.

***Married Woman* (DVD FOREIGN MAR)** 95 min. 1964. A married woman who is having an affair is unsure whether she loves either man. To complicate matters, she discovers she is pregnant and doesn't know who the father is. Now she must come to terms with her emotional infidelities.

***Masculin, Feminin* (DVD FOREIGN MAS)** 105 min. 1966. Paul, a young idealistic would-be intellectual, struggles to forge a relationship with incipient pop star Madeleine in 1960s Paris.

***Menage* (DVD FOREIGN MEN)** 84 min. 1986. Bob, a seductive, bisexual thief, entices Antoine and Monique, a bored and dissatisfied couple, into joining him as he robs wealthy homes. Turned on by the thrill of thievery, the couple abandons their world of predictability and a bizarre love triangle develops among the three.

***Merci pour Chocolat* (DVD FOREIGN MER)** 97 min. 2000. Mika is the oh-so-perfect head of a Swiss chocolate company. Andre is her concert-pianist husband whose first wife died in a mysterious car accident. Why does Andre's son have no musical talent, while Jeanne, who shares his birthday, is a world-class pianist? Why does Mika insist that everyone sip the hot chocolate she prepares?

***Mesrine, Part 1: Killer Instinct* (DVD FOREIGN MES)** 113 min. 2008. This film charts the odyssey of Jacques Mesrine, the French gangster known as French Public Enemy No. 1 and the Man of a Thousand Faces in the 1960s and 1970s. Infamous for his bravado and prison escapes, Mesrine robbed, kidnapped, and murdered in a criminal career that spanned continents until he was shot dead in 1979 by France's anti-gang unit.

***Mesrine, Part 2: Public Enemy #1* (DVD FOREIGN MES)** 134 min. 2011. In the climactic second part of the Mesrine saga, Jacques Mesrine is back in France after his assault on the maximum-security prison from which he daringly escaped. Once again in police custody and facing justice for his crime, Mesrine escapes from the courtroom after kidnapping the judge at gunpoint. His life comes once and for all to a full bloody circle.

***Micmacs* (DVD FOREIGN MIC)** 104 min. 2009. First, a mine exploded in the Moroccan desert. Years later, a stray bullet lodged in his brain. Bazil doesn't have much luck with weapons. Released from the hospital and homeless, he is taken in by a crew of junkyard dealers living in a cave. One day, while out walking, Bazil recognizes the logos of the weapons manufacturers that caused his misfortune, and sets out to take revenge.

**Molière (DVD FOREIGN MOL)** 121 min. 2007. Molière is a down-and-out actor and playwright who is up to his ears in debt. Jourdain offers to cover that debt in exchange for Molière's theatrical talents to help win the heart of a widowed marquise. Disguised as a priest, Molière becomes a guest in Jourdain's palace - to the annoyance of Jourdain's wife, Elmire. The confrontation between Elmire and Molière turns seductive while Jourdain enlists the aid of an acquaintance to help him pursue the widow.

**Mon Oncle (DVD FOREIGN MON)** 116 min. 1958. The vague and clumsy M. Hulot, in contrast to his more wealthy sister and brother-in-law, is constantly, humorously, at odds with the modern world.

**Mon Oncle Antoine (DVD FOREIGN MON)** 104 min. 1972. An orphan comes to live with a foster family in a Canadian mining village and becomes a part of the comical foibles and heartbreaks of the town.

**Mon Oncle d'Amérique (DVD FOREIGN MON)** 123 min. 1980. Two men and a woman meet in mid-life crisis. Faced with disappointment, they muse about a legendary American uncle, a guardian angel who gives them their hearts' desires and tells them exactly what they wish to hear.

**Monday Morning (DVD FOREIGN MON)** 122 min. 2002. Every Monday morning, Vincent begins the same monotonous routine — one and a half hours of non-smoking transit to an uninspiring factory job. Back at home, family obligations always interrupt his passion for painting. Vincent can't take another Monday morning!

**Monsieur Hire (DVD FOREIGN MON)** 79 min. 1989. Based on the Georges Simenon novel: *Les Fiançailles de Monsieur Hire*. In an apartment, Monsieur Hire endures a solitary life. His only solace is an occasional night out bowling and the voyeuristic admiration of his neighbor. When police discover the nude body of a young woman in a nearby vacant lot, Hire becomes the prime suspect.

**Monsieur Lazhar (DVD FOREIGN MON)** 95 min. 2011. While going through his own personal tragedy, Bachir Lazhar, a 55-year-old Algerian immigrant, is hired as a substitute in an elementary school after the abrupt death of a teacher. With great sensitivity and humor, Monsieur Lazhar depicts the encounter of two distant worlds: that of an immigrant and a group of shaken but endearing kids who, together, will transcend their losses.

**Monsieur Vincent (DVD FOREIGN MON)** 114 min. 1947. St. Vincent de Paul rose from slavery to become a trusted advisor to queens and princes. His commitment to the poor made him a great humanitarian.

**Moolaadé (DVD FOREIGN MOO)** In Jula and French, with English captions. 124 min. 2004. Four young girls who face ritual "purification" decide to flee to the household of Collé Ardo Gallo Sy, a strong woman who has shielded her own daughter from the mutilation. Collé invokes the custom of moolaadé (sanctuary) to protect the fugitives, and tension mounts as the stand-off pits Collé against village traditionalists and endangers the prospective marriage of her daughter.

**The Moon in the Gutter (DVD FOREIGN MOO)** 137 min. 2009. After his sister is brutally raped and commits suicide, Gerard spends all of his free time at the scene of the crime, hoping to catch his sister's attacker. When he meets a wealthy woman who could be his ticket out of the slums, he must choose between her and his mission for revenge.

**M. Hulot's Holiday (DVD FOREIGN M.)** 87 min. 1953. Presents humorous impressions, incidents and mix-ups at a seaside Brittany resort involving the accident-prone Mr. Hulot.

***La Moustache* (DVD FOREIGN MOU)** 84 min. 2005. When a man shaves off his mustache, a trademark he's had for years, no one notices, insisting he's never even had one. Is he going insane, or is this a conspiracy?

***Mozart's Sister* (DVD FOREIGN MOZ)** 120 min. 2011. This is a re-imagined account of the early life of Maria Anna 'Nannerl' Mozart, five years older than Wolfgang, and a musical prodigy in her own right. Originally the featured performer, Nannerl has given way to Wolfgang as the main attraction, as their strict but loving father Leopold tours his talented offspring in front of the royal courts of pre-French revolution Europe.

***My Afternoons with Marguerite* (DVD FOREIGN MY)** 83 min. 2010. Germain, a nearly illiterate fifty-something man who is considered the town idiot, meets elderly Marguerite, who is articulate and highly intelligent. Through their afternoon visits and friendship, Germain realizes he is smarter than he thought.

***My Best Friend* (DVD FOREIGN MY)** 95 min. 2006. An antique dealer is flabbergasted to learn that his closest acquaintances don't actually like him. Challenged to provide an actual friend in only ten days, or lose a valued vase, his search provides a witty and thoughtful look at the meaning of friendship.

***My Life in Pink* (DVD FOREIGN MY)** In French with English, Spanish, or French captions. 88 min. 1997. With six-year-old certainty, Ludovic believes he was meant to be a girl and that the mistake will soon be corrected. But he finds only rejection, isolation, and guilt as the intense reactions of family, friends, and neighbors strip away every innocent lace and bauble.

***My Piece of the Pie* (DVD FOREIGN MY)** 109 min. 2012. After losing her factory job, single mother France enters a housekeeper training program and lands a job cleaning the apartment of power broker Steve. When Steve's son arrives to stay with his dad, Steve realizes he might need child care. France may have an opportunity for payback against the man who almost single-handedly shut down the factory where she worked.

***The Names of Love* (DVD FOREIGN NAM)** 102 min. 2010. Baya is a young liberal who lives by the hippie slogan "Make love, not war." She seduces right-wing men to convert them to her political causes - and so far she's had good results. Then she meets Arthur, a middle-aged, middle-of-the road scientist, and sparks fly.

***Nathalie Granger* (DVD FOREIGN NAT)** 79 min. 2007. Two friends discuss their worries while they engage in everyday domestic duties, masking an undercurrent of lurking danger.

***Nenette and Boni* (DVD FOREIGN NEN)** 99 min. 1996. Nineteen year-old Boniface Pavone writes in his journal of the erotic dreams he has of the wife of the neighborhood baker. His estranged little sister, Nenette, reappears with a surprising revelation that will change him forever.

***Not on the Lips* (DVD FOREIGN NOT)** 117 min. 2003. Gilberte is happily married to Georges, a wealthy businessman who is unaware of his wife's previous marriage. One day, Georges announces he's striking a deal with a wealthy American who's on his way to Paris and just happens to be Gilberte's ex-husband. Further interpersonal complications result in a series of farcical misunderstandings.

***Of Gods and Men* (DVD FOREIGN OF)** In French or Arabic, with English or French captions. 123 min. 2010. Under threat by fundamentalist terrorists, a group of Trappist monks stationed with an impoverished Algerian community must decide whether to leave or stay. Cannes Film Festival Grand Prize winner in 2010.

***On Guard* (DVD FOREIGN ON)** 128 min. 1997. A swordsman vows to avenge the murder of his friend, the Duke of Nevers. He is to raise the Duke's daughter as his own and restore her inheritance.



***One Day You'll Understand (DVD FOREIGN ONE)*** 90 min. 2008. As the 1987 trial of Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie unfolds on television, Victor Bastien reviews old family documents and finds a distressing "Aryan declaration" authored by his late father. This discovery throws Victor's conception of his family's history into darkness. His mother, Rivka, keeps a stubborn silence, while his sister Tania defends their father. To unearth the truth, Victor takes his family to the tiny village where Rivka's parents were forced to hide during the war.

***One Deadly Summer (DVD FOREIGN ONE)*** 130 min. 1983. Eliane settles in a French town with her introverted mother and physically handicapped father. Traumatized by the knowledge of her mother's rape before Eliane's birth, Eliane pursues vengeance when she is courted by a garage mechanic whose father has the clue to the identity of her mother's aggressors. But as the story unfolds, the tale becomes increasingly complex.

***Orpheus (DVD FOREIGN ORP)*** 95 min. 1950. This 1950 update of the Orphic myth by Jean Cocteau depicts a poet scorned by the Left Bank youth, and his love for both his wife Eurydice and a mysterious princess. Seeking inspiration, the poet follows the princess from the living world to the land of the dead through Cocteau's mirrored portal. This film shows Cocteau's skill for visual poetry and dreamlike storytelling.

***Oscar et la Dame Rose (DVD FOREIGN OSC)*** 96 min. 2009. Ten-year-old Oscar is hospitalized, and neither the doctors nor his parents have the courage to tell him the truth. After hearing a conversation, he finds out he is dying. Furious, he is silent to all except straight-talking Rose, who delivers pizza to the hospital.

***Outside the Law (DVD FOREIGN OUT)*** 139 min. 2010. Three brothers. One destiny. Freedom at all costs. Three brothers fight for Algeria's independence from France after World War II. Nominated for the Best Foreign Language Film Academy Award.

***Paris (DVD FOREIGN PAR)*** 129 min. 2008. Awaiting a heart transplant, Pierre reunites with his sister and her children. His rediscovery of family and observation of the teeming Paris streets give Pierre hope and a sense of how to spend his last days. This is a story about the middle-class and bourgeois, immigrants and students, fashion models and the homeless, and the lovers and strangers whose paths could cross and change in Paris.

***Paris, Je T'aime (DVD FOREIGN PAR)*** 110 min. 2006. The world's top directors and some of America's top stars create a panoramic portrait of Paris in these sexy, romantic, haunting, dramatic, and beautiful stories.

***Park Benches: Life, Lust and Love the Parisian Way (DVD FOREIGN PAR)*** 114 min. 2009. As she does every morning, Lucie joins her colleagues at the office with a smile. It's a working day just like any other. Suddenly all activity stops as workers notice another building's window and a banner reading 'Man Alone.' Is it a hoax? A cry for help? Everyone has an idea and tries to discover the source of the mysterious message.

***Persepolis (DVD FOREIGN PER)*** In French or dubbed into English, with English or Spanish captions. 95 min. 2008. Based on the graphic novel by Marjane "Marji" Satrapi, this animated film occurs in 1970s Iran. Marji's family's dream is realized when the hated Shah is defeated in 1979. Marji refuses to be silent during the new tyranny. Her parents send her abroad to study, which is a difficult trial for Marji in a different culture. Upon her return, she and her homeland have changed, and Marji and her family must decide where she belongs.

***The Piano Teacher (DVD FOREIGN PIA)*** 125 min. 2002. A middle-aged classical piano instructor is trapped between her passion for music and her suffocating home life. She escapes her life with nightly voyeuristic wanderings and self-inflicted masochistic experiments.



***Pickpocket* (DVD FOREIGN PIC)** 75 min. 1959. Michel, an insignificant man who drifts into crime, is arrested and imprisoned. Upon release, he abandons an attempt at reform when a master pickpocket teaches him his art.

***Le Plaisir* (DVD FOREIGN PLA)** 97 min. 1952. In stories of life, love, pleasure, and death, an aging man hides behind a mask to meet ladies, a madame takes her girls to communion, and a painter falls for his model.

***Playtime* (DVD FOREIGN PLA)** 124 min. 1967. Modern Paris is a city of glass, steel and the encroaching age of technology. Amidst the babble of tourists, the endearingly clumsy Monsieur Hulot tries to reconcile the old-fashioned ways with the confusing new ways.

***Point Blank* (DVD FOREIGN POI)** 84 min. 2011. Samuel is a happily married nurse in a Paris hospital. When his pregnant wife is kidnapped before his eyes, everything falls apart. After being knocked unconscious, his cell phone rings: he has three hours to get a man who is under police surveillance out of the hospital. Samuel is pitted against rival gangsters and police in a race to save the lives of his wife and unborn child.

***Poison Friends* (DVD FOREIGN POI)** 107 min. 2006. At the start of the college semester, Eloi and Alexandre meet André. Fascinated by his brilliance, ease, and charisma, they fall under his spell. André offers them friendship in exchange for complete loyalty. Lost in admiration, Eloi and Alexandre submit. Then André abandons them and their only choice is to stand on their own. This film won the 2006 Critics Week Grand prize, the Grand Golden Rail, and SACD Screenwriting Award at the Cannes Film Festival.

***Port of Shadows* (DVD FOREIGN POR)** 90 min. 1938. A deserter from the French military drifts into a small town, where he falls for a troubled young woman.

***Potiche* (DVD FOREIGN POT)** 103 min. 2010. A housebound trophy housewife steps in to manage the umbrella factory run by her tyrannical husband after the workers go on strike. To everyone's surprise, Suzanne proves herself a competent and assertive woman of action.

***Pretty Devils* (DVD FOREIGN PRE)** 95 min. 2002. Sisters and petty criminals, Lea and Aurelie, help an upper class girl wreak vengeance upon her unfaithful boyfriend. When they teach Anne-Sophie the art of the con, the girls find serious trouble.

***Priceless* (DVD FOREIGN PRI)** 102 min. 2006. Irene is on the Riviera with her elderly paramour to celebrate her birthday. When he falls asleep, she slips down to the hotel bar and mistakes barman Jean for a wealthy guest. He responds by taking her to the Royal Suite for the night. The next year, it happens again. This time her lover finds out and disowns her. Knowing Jean is a common barman doesn't stop her from caring for him. Jean soon finds a paramour of his own, but he and Irene keep in increasingly close touch.

***The Princess of Montpensier* (DVD FOREIGN PRI)** 140 min. 2010. Marie de Mezieres is in love with her cousin Henri de Guise. Due to her father's political ambitions, she is forced to marry the well-connected Philippe de Montpensier, whom she has never met. When Philippe is called away to fight, she is left with Count Chabannes, an aging nobleman. Before long, she is exposed to the sexual and political intrigues of court.

***Private Fears in Public Places* (DVD FOREIGN PRI)** 120 min. 2006. Multiple stories are set inside a magically snowbound Paris. Six lonely souls converge and commingle in their search for lasting connections.

***Private Property* (DVD FOREIGN PRI)** 89 min. 2007. Pascale lives with her adult twin sons in a Belgian farmhouse. Neither son embraces adulthood or responsibility. Pascale falls in love again, but she can't erase the shadow of her ex-husband and selfish children. She leaves, and her sons' resentment and rivalry boils over.

***Prix de Beaute* (DVD FOREIGN PRI)** 88 min. 1930. While André indeed loves Lucienne, a Parisian typist, he has conventional expectations for their life together. When the Miss Europe beauty contest comes to town, he warns her to "not even dream" of entering it, but she ignores his advice and tries out.

***La Promesse* (DVD FOREIGN PRO)** 94 min. 2012. In this breakthrough feature from Luc and Jean-Pierre Dardenne, the brothers bring their unerring eye for detail and their compassion for those on society's lowest rungs to an absorbing drama about a teenager who is gradually coming to understand the implications of his father making a living through illegal alien workers.

***A Prophet* (DVD FOREIGN PRO)** In French, Portuguese or Spanish, with English, Portuguese or Spanish captions. 155 min. 2009. Illiterate Malik el Djebena, who is condemned to six years in prison, soon figures out the politics of the prison. Though Malik is only 19-years-old, the leader of the Corsican gang who rules the prison corners him and gives him certain 'missions' to carry out. He quickly gains the confidence of the gang leader, as these assignments begin to toughen him up. But Malik soon develops some plans of his own.

***Purple Noon* (DVD FOREIGN PUR)** 118 min. 1960. A wealthy bachelor has a sexy girlfriend, the finest things money can buy, and an envious friend who schemes to murder him and assume his identity.

***Queen Margot* (DVD FOREIGN QUE)** 144 min. 1994. Thrown into a political marriage of convenience by her family, the beautiful Margot soon finds herself hopelessly drawn into their murderous affairs. Her only hope of escape lies somewhere between the heroic soldier who loves her and the enemy husband who could save her.

***Queen to Play* ((DVD FOREIGN QUE)** 97 min. 2007. Lovely, repressed, and quietly intelligent, French chambermaid Helene comes upon a couple engaged in an intensely sensual chess match, and discovers she has a knack for the game. This obsession, much to the chagrin of her husband and teenage daughter, leads her to seek the clandestine tutelage of a reclusive American doctor, a liaison that transforms both of their lackluster lives.

***Rapt* (DVD FOREIGN RAP)** 125 min. 2011. Stanislas Graff, a powerful industrialist, is kidnapped by gangsters in front of his building. So begins a nightmare where he's humiliated, abused, and treated inhumanely. Although he resists, allowing his kidnappers no hold over him, he accepts everything without rebelling, cry or complaint; he responds with dignity to barbarity. Outside, his world collapses when his true nature is revealed.

***Rashevski's Tango* (DVD FOREIGN RAS)** In French and Hebrew, with English captions. 97 min. 2003. What does it mean to be Jewish? Three generations of the Rashevski family grapple with the question, after the death of Rose, the secular matriarch who believed that the tango would make all troubles disappear. The characters confront issues of relationships, family, religion, love, romance, and interfaith marriage.

***Red* (DVD FOREIGN RED)** 99 min. 1994. This is the final installment in the trilogy named after the French flag colors (***Red***, ***White*** and ***Blue***). A woman meets a stranger and is led into intrigue and secrecy.

***Regular Lovers* (DVD FOREIGN REG)** 175 min. 2004. This is an intimate, opium-hazed epic shot in achingly beautiful black and white. A student-poet is grappling with the tumult and a doomed romance during the Parisian riots. This film won the 2006 Cesar Award and the Critics Award of the European Film Academy.



**Rififi (DVD FOREIGN RIF)** 118 min. 1955. This is the story of a successful jewel robbery in which the four thieves betray each other.

**The Ring Finger (DVD FOREIGN RIN)** 100 min. 2005. After being fired from a lemonade bottling plant, Iris takes a secretarial position at a laboratory where a perplexing scientist specializes in the preservation of personal mementos. Iris gradually engages in a disturbing love affair with her enigmatic employer.

**The Romance of Astrea and Celadon (DVD FOREIGN ROM)** 109 min. 2006. In an enchanted, mythical forest, two star-crossed lovers are kept apart by their feuding families. Surrounded by rivals, nymphs, and druids, the two must overcome jealousy, temptation, and other worldly obstacles to keep their passion alive.

**Romantics Anonymous (DVD FOREIGN ROM)** 78 min. 2010. Jean-Rene is the boss of a chocolate factory and Angelique is a talented chocolate maker. They are both emotionally challenged. Drawn together through their passion for chocolate, Jean-Rene and Angelique fall in love but are unable to express it. Their shyness is driving them apart. Slowly they overcome their lack of self-confidence and share their feelings.

**La Ronde (DVD FOREIGN RON)** 97 min. 1950. When it comes to matters of infidelity, everyone is considered an equal, whether it's a soldier, a maid, or an aristocrat in 1900's Vienna.

**Rosetta (DVD FOREIGN ROS)** 93 min. 1999. An intense verité drama closely follows a poor young woman struggling to hold onto a job to support herself and her alcoholic mother. It's a swift and simple tale made revelatory by the raw, empathic way in which the directors (Belgian brothers Luc and Jean Pierre Dardenne) render Rosetta's desperation, keeping the camera nearly perched on her shoulder throughout.

**The Rules of the Game (DVD FOREIGN RUL)** 106 min. 1939. This critique of corrupt pre-World War II French society covers a hunting party with amorous escapades among the aristocrats, mirrored by the servants. Unpopular at first release, the film was withdrawn until the late 50s, when a print was found and restored.

**Rumba (DVD FOREIGN RUM)** 77 min. 2008. Fiona and Dom have one passion in their lives besides each other – dancing. When a car accident intervenes, they continue their dreams of competitive dancing.

**Russian Dolls (DVD FOREIGN RUS)** 129 min. 2005. In this sequel to *L'Auberge Espagnole*, five old friends reunite five years after their summer together in Barcelona.

**Safe Conduct (DVD FOREIGN SAF)** 165 min. 2001. During the Nazi occupation, French life is seen against the background of the French film industry. Two men struggle to maintain their integrity while working for the German-controlled Continental Film Studios.

**Les Salades de l'Amour (DVD FOREIGN SAL)** Through five films (and two decades), Antoine Doinel captivated audiences. His early theme-defining work is shown, plus insights into the creative processes of the filmmakers. "Les Mistons" 18 min. 1957. A group of pubescent boys' admiration of a young girl takes on an edge of cruelty, with unforeseen results. "Working with Francois Truffaut" 44 min. 2003.

**Le Samourai (DVD FOREIGN SAM)** 105 min. 1967. Jef Costello is a fedora and trench-coat wearing contract killer with samurai instincts. When Jef assassinates a nightclub owner, he is confronted by a series of witnesses. They drop his perfect world into the hands of a persistent police investigator and Jef's shadowy employer, both of whom are determined to put an end to the career criminal.



***Sarah's Key* (DVD FOREIGN SAR)** In French, English, German, or Italian. 111 min. 2011. In modern Paris, a journalist's life becomes entwined with a girl whose family was separated during the notorious Vel d'Hiv round up in Paris in 1942. She stumbles upon a family secret that will link her to a Jewish girl, Sarah.

***Scene of the Crime* (DVD FOREIGN SCE)** 90 min. 1986. An escaped convict saves the life of a young teen, which sets the stage for crime and romance between the teen's mother and the convict.

***A Screaming Man* (DVD FOREIGN SCR)** In French or Arabic, with English captions. 102 min. 2010. When a hotel in Chad is taken over by foreign owners, Adam, a former swim champ, is forced to give up his job at the pool to his young son. Meanwhile, the country is at war, and Adam makes a rash decision he will regret.

***Un Secret* (DVD FOREIGN SEC)** 110 min. 2008. A young boy who has a vivid imagination dreams up a brother for himself and a better past for his family. On his 15th birthday, he finds his dreams shattered when he uncovers a shocking secret that ties his family to the Holocaust.

***The Secrets* (DVD FOREIGN SEC)** In Hebrew or French, with English captions. 127 min. 2006. While studying at a women's seminary in Safed, Naomi and her new friend explore the complexities of a religious lifestyle in a vibrant environment of youth, rebellion, and desire as they befriend a mysterious older woman.

***Seducing Dr. Lewis* (DVD FOREIGN SED)** 109 min. 2004. A ragtag fishing community on a tiny island must persuade a young Montreal-based doctor to live there in order to get a much-needed factory.

***Séraphine* (DVD FOREIGN SER)** 125 min. 2008. In this true story of Seraphine Louis, a simple, devout housekeeper in 1905, at the age of 41, who began painting brilliantly colorful canvases. In 1912, a German art critic discovered her paintings while she was his maid. A relationship formed between the dealer and the cleaning lady, forging a testament to the mysteries of creativity and the resilience of one woman's spirit.

***Shall We Kiss?* (DVD FOREIGN SHA)** 102 min. 2010. When Gabriel and Emilie meet by chance, he offers her a ride and they spend the evening getting along famously. At night's end, Emilie declines Gabriel's offer of "a kiss without consequences." Emilie admonishes him that a kiss could have unexpected consequences, and relates a story about the impossibility of indulging your desires without affecting someone's life.

***Shoot the Piano Player* (DVD FOREIGN SHO)** 84 min. 1960. A timid cafe pianist has given up his career as a pianist, which destroyed his marriage. Events force his involvement with gangsters, which again cause him to be responsible for the destruction in his life.

***Since Otar Left* (DVD FOREIGN SIN)** In Georgian, French, and Russian, with English captions. 99 min. 2003. A bittersweet story of three generations of Georgian women in the city of Tbilisi. Eka obsesses over her physician son Otar, while the other two try to deal with her burning desire to see him.

***Skirt Day* (DVD FOREIGN SKI)** 87 min. 2010. In this fascinating psychological study and socio-critical investigation, Sonia Bergerac is a teacher at a tough junior high. Despite the principal's warnings, she wears a skirt to work. She simply wants to teach, but the insults are just too much. Scared and taking antidepressants, Sonia finds a gun in a student's bag. She takes her class hostage so she can teach a proper lesson on Moliere.



***The Sleeping Beauty* (DVD FOREIGN SLE)** 82 min. 2010. Cursed at birth by an evil fairy, Anastasia is destined to prick her finger and die at the age of sixteen. When three feckless fairy sisters discover this, they hatch a plan to alter the curse: rather than die, Anastasia will sleep for 100 years and live in a world of dreams. Through her active dream life, Anastasia will find love, loss, and possibly a waking life. French provocateur Breillat continues her deconstruction of classic fairytales with this film.

***Small Change* (DVD FOREIGN SMA)** In French and Spanish, with captions in English, French, or Spanish; closed-captioned in English. 103 min. 1976. This is a comedy about the lives of a group of children in a French village from early childhood to adolescence, exploring their range of emotions.

***The Soft Skin* (DVD FOREIGN SOF)** 118 min. 1964. A successful publisher who often travels on business has his first extramarital affair. He is unable to decide between his wife and his mistress. His mistress leaves him, and an ironic, tragic twist of fate cuts short his plans to reconcile his marriage.

***The Son* (DVD FOREIGN SON)** 100 min. 2002. Oliver is working as a carpentry instructor in a French suburb. He has an obsession for a new student and offers him friendship and advice, but with a frightening lack of affection. Oliver's connection to the boy is slowly and painfully revealed.

***The Sorrow and the Pit: Chronicle of a French Town During Occupation* (940.5337 DVD SOR)** In English, French, and German, with English captions. 249 min. 1969. This examination of the WWII German occupation of France uses reminiscences of individuals and officials involved in the events at the time – concentrating on the themes of collaboration and resistance.

***Special Treatment* (DVD FOREIGN SPE)** 95 min. 2011. Alice is a high-class prostitute who serves up sexual fantasies for her clients, from school girl innocence to S&M. Fed up with the seamy side of French masculinity, she encounters Xavier, a neurotic psychoanalyst facing a marriage crisis. They quickly realize their professions share some commonalities in the overlapping worlds of psychotherapy and sex therapy.

***Stolen Kisses* (DVD FOREIGN STO)** 91 min. 1968. This is the third in the Antoine Doinel series and, in many respects, the autobiography of François Truffaut. It's now 1968 and Doinel has been dishonorably discharged from the army and has returned to Paris, where he finally becomes a private detective. In his turbulent love life, he is torn between a serious-minded young violinist and a glamorous, older married woman. The earlier pain of dealing with the world becomes acceptance of life, with which comes openness to its joy.

***The Story of Adele H.* (DVD FOREIGN STO)** 98 min. 2001. Based on a true story, Adele Hugo's obsessive love affair led her to leave home to follow her womanizing lover across an ocean to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

***Strayed* (DVD FOREIGN STR)** 95 min. 2003. After the German occupation of Paris during World War II, a widow flees the city with her two children and relies on a young stranger in order to survive.

***Summer Hours* (DVD FOREIGN SUM)** 102 min. 2008. The divergent paths of three adult siblings collide when their mother, heiress to an exceptional 19th century art collection, dies suddenly.

***A Sunday in the Country* (DVD FOREIGN SUN)** 94 min. 1984. A view of family life in pre-World War I France depicts a man and his family who visit his father, an aging Impressionist painter.

***Swimming Pool* (DVD FOREIGN SWI)** 103 min. 2002. A British mystery author seeks inspiration for her novel. She visits her publisher's home, where his sexy daughter, Julie, unexpectedly arrives. She is jarred by Julie's lifestyle. A series of events blend a creative process with a possible real-life murder.

***A Tale of Springtime* (DVD FOREIGN TAL)** 107 min. 1989. The well-ordered life of Jeanne, a high school philosophy teacher, spins into disorder when she meets a young stranger who involves her in a devilish scheme.

***The Taste of Others* (DVD FOREIGN TAS)** 112 min. 2000. Completely opposite men and women intersect in a funny web of romantic entanglements. While negotiating differences in wealth, status, style, and taste, the characters form outrageously volatile combinations! Internationally acclaimed for its sexy comic sophistication.

***Tell No One* (DVD FOREIGN TEL)** 125 min. 2006. Eight years after the murder of his wife Margot, pediatrician Alex Beck still grieves. Two bodies are uncovered near the site of Margot's murder, the police reopen the case and Alex is suspected. Then he receives an e-mail with a video that suggests Margot is alive.

***Testament of Orpheus* (DVD FOREIGN TES)** 80 min. 1959. A poet looks back over his life and work, recalling his inspirations and obsessions.

***That Day* (DVD FOREIGN THA)** 105 min. 2003. The patriarch of a society family can no longer pay the bills. He conspires to bump off his harmlessly mad daughter, the heir to his wife's fortune.

***That Obscure Object of Desire* (DVD FOREIGN THA)** 103 min. 1977. A middle-aged man falls in love with a much younger woman in this satire of sexual obsession.

***Them* (DVD FOREIGN THE)** In French or Romanian, with English captions. 77 min. 2006. Clémentine, a French school teacher in Bucharest, lives with her husband Lucas in a remote estate in Snagow. At night, outside noises wake them and Lucas sees their car being stolen. The lights go off, the phone line is dead, their property gate is trespassed, and they are surrounded by weird people. They hide in the cellar and try to escape.

***Therese* (DVD FOREIGN THE)** 90 min. 1986. This film is based on the life of St. Thérèse Martin, the "Little Flower," who lived and died at a Carmelite convent of Lisieux. It inquires into the mystery of her sainthood, neither being propaganda for the church nor necessarily approving her choice of vocation.

***36<sup>th</sup> Precinct* (DVD FOREIGN THI)** French dubbed English. 111 min. 2004. In the Parisian criminal world, the police are frustrated by a gang of robbers. Leo Vricks and Denis Klein are two cops seeking promotion, and the imminent departure of the chief has them competing for the vacancy. The competition becomes increasingly ruthless and blurs the lines of morality until there seems no difference between the police and the criminals.

***Three Men and a Cradle* (DVD FOREIGN THR)** 106 min. 1985. Three clueless and hedonistic bachelors are forced to trade dames for diapers when an infant is left on their doorstep. Life will never be the same.

***Time Out* (DVD FOREIGN TIM)** 128 min. 2001. Businessman Vincent is leading a double life. He was fired from his job and is pretending to his wife that he is employed. He must decide which of his lives is more important. Despite his efforts, Vincent's wife begins to suspect something amiss.

***Time Regained* (DVD FOREIGN TIM)** 158 min. 1999. Set in 1922, Proust is on his deathbed, looking back over his life. Gradually his own experiences give way to the characters in his novel.

***Time to Leave* (DVD FOREIGN TIM)** 85 min. 2005. A successful fashion photographer learns that he has a malignant brain tumor. Hiding his diagnosis, he alienates his family and his young boyfriend, but during a short stay with his grandmother, his vulnerability is met with a big heart and sound advice. A chance encounter with a roadside café waitress results in an unusual bargain that provides a happy, playful dimension to the proceedings.



***To Be and To Have (DVD FOREIGN TO)*** 104 min. 2002. A teacher nurtures a dozen children in all their schoolwork and life's lessons, showing how a well-trained teacher, dedicated and sensitive to a child's needs, can hugely influence a generation of children at their most critical time of development.

***Tomboy (DVD FOREIGN TOM)*** 82 min. 2012. On arrival in a new neighborhood, Laure is a 10-year-old tomboy who lets Lisa and her crowd believe that she is a boy. Summer is a big playground and Laure pretends to be "Mikael", a boy like the others, different enough to get the attention of Lisa, who falls for him. Laure takes advantage of her new identity as if the end of the summer would never reveal her unsettling secret.

***Too Beautiful for You (DVD FOREIGN TOO)*** 92 min. 1991. A man who has the perfect wife falls in love with a coarse, unattractive woman.

***Touchez Pas au Grisbi (DVD FOREIGN TOU)*** 96 min. 1954. An aging gangster is unwillingly brought out of retirement after one of his associates unwittingly betrays him to a rival.

***Tous les Matins du Monde (All the Mornings of the World) (DVD FOREIGN TOU)*** 115 min. 1991. A provocative tale of romance, lust, desire, and intrigue is based on the lives of 17th century French composer Sainte Colombe and his protégé, Marin Marais.

***Towards Zero (DVD FOREIGN TOW)*** 107 min. 2007. When Guillaume invites his ex-wife to the family reunion at the Aunt Camilla's estate, his new wife Caroline is enraged. Guillaume hopes they will become friends, but the two women hate each other. When Camilla is found dead, inspector Bataille solves the puzzle.

***Train of Life (DVD FOREIGN TRA)*** 103 min. 1999. The year is 1941, and a tiny Jewish community in France is shocked: the Nazis are coming. Shlomo, the not-so-foolish village idiot, has a plan: before the Germans can dispatch them to camps, the townspeople will 'deport' themselves - to freedom. In a race against time, they build their own train and, masquerading as Nazis and prisoners, attempt a great escape.

***The Two of Us (Le Vieil Homme et l'Enfant) (The Old Man and the Boy) (DVD FOREIGN TWO)*** 87 min. 1967. Director Claude Berri's introduction on the title screens reads "This film is a true story but seen through the imagination a child who was sensitive to the tragic events surrounding him in occupied France. The affection of this good family who took him in nevertheless leaves him with a certain poetic nostalgia for this time and a deep gratitude toward them." This film is his re-telling of the life of a small Jewish boy from Nazi-occupied Paris, sent by his parents to the countryside to live with an elderly Catholic couple until France's liberation. Forced to hide his identity, eight-year-old Claude bonds with the irascible, staunchly anti-Semitic Grampa, who improbably becomes his friend and confidant.

***The Umbrellas of Cherbourg (DVD FOREIGN UMB)*** 88 min. 1964. This tender, bittersweet love story is sung throughout in French.

***The Valet (DVD FOREIGN VAL)*** 85 min. 2006. When an important CEO is photographed with his lover Elena, he tries to save his marriage by creating an elaborate scheme in which Elena is cast as someone else's lover. When his wife finds out, she decides to play games with him.

***Vampires (DVD FOREIGN VAM)*** 92 min. 2011. This is the "true" story of a clan of vampires trying to hold their family together and get along with the neighbors. Dad seems to be channeling Bela Lugosi. Mom's a little bit off. Throw a rebellious son and a daughter pining for her lost mortality into the mix, and it's a recipe for family discord. Add a bewildered documentary crew and things are bound to get a little chaotic.

***Van Gogh (DVD FOREIGN VAN)*** 155 min. 2007. This film takes a look at the last few weeks before the famous painter's untimely death.

***Van Gogh (920 DVD GOGH, V.)*** In English, German, Dutch, French, Italian or Spanish, with Chinese or English captions. 135 min. 2009. This film documents Vincent Van Gogh from his childhood in Brabant, his laborious years of apprenticeship in Nuenen, and his artistic coming-of-age in Paris to the exhilarating peak of his career in the south of France, and his tragic suicide in Auvers. Experts at the Van Gogh Museum speak of Vincent's sources of inspiration and show how he struggled to become a truly modern artist.

***The Vanishing (DVD FOREIGN VAN)*** In Dutch and French, with English captions. 106 min. 1988. During a road trip with her husband, a woman is abducted by a methodical, calculating psychopath. Her husband is obsessed with learning her fate, and neither time nor the love of another woman can end his tormented quest.

***Venus Beauty Institute (DVD FOREIGN VEN)*** 105 min. 1999. A romantic comedy depicts Angèle, a forty-something woman who works at a Parisian spa and whose life has been a series of reckless one-night stands.

***A Very Long Engagement (DVD FOREIGN VER)*** 133 min. 2004. Mathilde is waiting for her fiancé to return from the war. Bad news arrives, but she refuses to believe he is dead. She begins her own investigation into his infantry, hiring a private detective and piecing together his war stories.

***La Vie en Rose (DVD FOREIGN VIE)*** 141 min. 2007. Edith Piaf, a French performer, was raised in a brothel, taken to work in a circus by her father, abandoned by her parents, and spent her teen years on the streets. Eventually "rescued" by a criminal who boosts her career, she makes her way to international success, despite recurring frailty, illness, wild moods, and drug and alcohol problems.

***Les Visiteurs du Soir (DVD FOREIGN VIS)*** 121 min. 1942. In this lyrical medieval fantasy from director Marcel Carne, two strangers dressed as minstrels arrive at a castle in advance of court festivities. It is revealed that they are actually emissaries of the devil, dispatched to spread heartbreak and suffering. Their plans are thwarted by an unexpected intrusion: human love. This film is often interpreted as an allegory for the Nazi occupation of France, during which it was made.

***Viva Laldjérie (Viva Algeria) (DVD FOREIGN VIV)*** 113 min. 2004. A mother, daughter, and prostitute live in a hotel in the center of town amid creeping fundamentalism. Goucem, the daughter, chooses a modern, emancipated life, spending steamy weekends in nightclubs. Her friend Fifi is a prostitute under the thumb of a local protector. Her mother Papicha eats pizzas in front of the television, torn between fear and nostalgia.

***Voyages (DVD FOREIGN VOY)*** In French, Hebrew, and Russian, with English captions. 115 min. 1999. From Poland to Paris to Tel Aviv, follow the intimate and personal story of the quests of three contemporary Jewish women whose lives and intertwining destinies create a moving and poignant story of survival.

***Wages of Fear (DVD FOREIGN WAG)*** 140 min. 1953. In a decrepit South American village, men are hired to transport an urgent nitroglycerine shipment without the equipment that would make it safe.

***Weapons of the Spirit (940.5318 DVD WEA)*** The English version is narrated in English with captions; the French version is dubbed in French with no captions. 63 min. 1989. A village in France, le Chambon-sur-Lignon, took in and sheltered 5000 Jews from Nazis, as told by Jewish filmmaker Sauvage, who was himself born and protected in that community.

***The Wedding Song* (DVD FOREIGN WED)** In French or Arabic, with English captions. 100 min. 2008. Two 16-year-old girls have an intense friendship while living in Nazi-occupied Tunis in 1942. Nour is a Muslim who anticipates her wedding to a handsome cousin. Myriam is a French Jew who is resisting her betrothal to a much older doctor. However, his money is needed by her family to pay fines imposed by the Nazis.

***Welcome* (DVD FOREIGN WEL)** In French, English, and Kurdish, with English captions. 109 min. 2009. A 17-year-old Kurdish refugee has struggled his way in Europe, trying to reunite with his girlfriend in England. When he is stopped in France, he decides to swim the English Channel to complete his journey. This DVD includes a 15-minute film "The Berlin Wall," in which a 75-year-old man attempts to rebuild the Berlin Wall.

***Western* (DVD FOREIGN WES)** 133 min. 1997. A chain of events causes a Spanish shoe salesman to lose his job and car after he picks up a Russian hitchhiker. The pair take off penniless on a three-week hitchhiking journey and discover their common struggles in life and love.

***White* (DVD FOREIGN WHI)** In French and Polish, with English captions. 92 min. 1994. In this second of the three colors trilogy, *Red*, *White*, and *Blue*; the colors symbolize liberty, equality, and fraternity. *White* was written about the destructive dynamics of a relationship based upon great inequality. Karol is a Polish hairdresser working in France. He loves his beautiful wife Dominique, but she is divorcing him for not consummating the marriage. Karol loses all of his possessions and is driven out of France. He fights to resolve his passion for Dominique with his own helplessness.

***White Material* (DVD FOREIGN WHI)** 105 min. 2011. Maria is an entitled white woman living in Africa, unwilling to give up her family's crumbling coffee plantation despite the civil war closing in on her. This gripping evocation of the death throes of European colonialism takes a look at a woman lost in her own mind.

***Who Knows?* (DVD FOREIGN WHO)** 154 min. 2001. This film follows the lives of three men and three women as their lives become tangled during the brief run of a play in Paris.

***The Widow of Saint-Pierre* (DVD FOREIGN WID)** In English and French, with English, French, or Spanish captions. 108 min. 2000. Based on a true story from 19th century St. Pierre, a convict sentenced to death strives to better himself in the eyes of the town. There is no guillotine or executioner, so they have to be brought from France.

***Wild Grass* (DVD FOREIGN WIL)** 104 min. 2009. A lost wallet opens the door to Georges and Marguerite's romantic adventure. After examining the ID of its owner, it is not a simple matter for Georges to turn in the wallet he has found to the police. Marguerite cannot retrieve her wallet without curiosity about its finder. As George and Marguerite navigate the social protocols of giving and acknowledging thanks, turbulence enters their lives.

***Wild Reeds* (DVD FOREIGN WIL)** 110 min. 1994. In this 1962 coming-of-age story set in France, François is uncertain of his sexuality as he is more attracted to his male friend than to his girlfriend. An older boy is drawn in, further complicating relationships. Through their passage into adulthood, the four experience a series of sexual and political conflicts as they explore the mysteries of the human heart.

***With a Friend Like Harry* (DVD FOREIGN WIT)** 117 min. 2000. Michel and Harry were school chums. Twenty years later, Michel is married and has three young girls. On the way to his summer home, he meets Harry. Harry forces his way into their lives and nothing is the same again.

***The Witnesses (DVD FOREIGN WIT)*** 112 min. 2008. The lives of a writer, her boyfriend, a well-known doctor, and an attractive gay man all intersect when they are faced with the AIDS epidemic during the sexual revolution in the early 1980s.

***Wolves in the Snow (DVD FOREIGN WOL)*** 90 min. 2000. After a violent marital argument resulting in Antoine's death, Lucy discovers his secret life of gangsters, money laundering and violence. Followed, threatened and badgered by the gangsters, Lucie becomes trapped by her deceit.

***The Woman Next Door (DVD FOREIGN WOM)*** 106 min. 1981. A man's marriage is endangered when a woman with whom he had a passionate and painful affair several years ago moves in next door.

***The Women on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor (DVD FOREIGN WOM)*** In French or Spanish, with English captions. 104 min. 2012. Paris, 1960. Jean-Louis lives a bourgeois existence with his neurotic socialite wife while their children are at boarding school. Their world turns upside down when they hire Maria, a Spanish maid who introduces Jean-Louis to an alternative reality up on the sixth floor. The group of sassy Spanish maids teaches him there's more to life than stocks and bonds, and their influence on the house transforms everyone's life.

***Yes, But...(DVD FOREIGN YES)*** 104 min. 2001. In this comedy, a girl undergoes therapy to help her with her overprotective mother, absent father, frustrated boyfriend, and fear and attraction to her newfound sexuality.

## **Additional Films about France**

*(In English, unless otherwise noted)*

***Cathedral (726 DVD CAT)*** 58 min. 1985. This documentary combines location sequences and animation to show the building of a Gothic cathedral. Beginning with a tour of Chartres, Reims, Amiens, Bourges, Beauvais, Notre Dame de Paris, Laon, and the Royal Abbey Church of St. Denis, it discusses life in the medieval era and how churches were a center of life.

***Cave of Forgotten Dreams (759.0112 DVD CAV)*** 90 min. 2011. This documentary from the incomparable Werner Herzog follows an exclusive expedition into the nearly inaccessible Chauvet Cave in France, home to the oldest visual art created by man. The cinematic experience provides a unique glimpse of pristine artwork dating back to human hands over 30,000 years ago, almost twice as old as any previous discovery.

***Gauguin: The Full Story (920 DVD GAUGUIN, P.)*** 121 min. 2003. The first full-length biography of one of the world's most popular, yet controversial, artists, this film was hailed by *The Times* as the finest artistic biography ever made. It features a collection of Gauguin's masterpieces from museums and galleries.

***The Impressionists: Monet (759.4 DVD MON)*** 50 min. 1999. It was Claude Monet's "soleil levant" that gave the impressionist school its name, famed for seeing the subtle nuances of color, light and atmosphere in landscape. This program features footage from L'Orangerie and from Monet's house and gardens at Giverny, plus special film shot at London's Savoy Hotel, from where Monet painted his famous views of London.



***The Impressionists: The Other French Revolution (759.054 DVD IMP)*** 200 min. 2001. The first truly modern artistic movement, focusing on Renoir, Monet, Degas, Possarro and Morisot. The determination of their convictions, and the price they paid as a result, is told in their own words, taken from letters and diaries. The world's foremost authorities offer other insights.

***The Impressionists: Seurat (759.4 DVD IMP)*** 50 min. 2006. This is an entertaining and informative profile of Georges Pierre Seurat, the inventor of the technique known as Pointillism, in which a whole picture is made up of tiny rectangles of pure color that merge together when viewed from afar. Seurat completed only seven canvasses in this hugely complex technique. Seurat achieved much in his short life.

***The Life of Emile Zola (DVD DRAMA LIF)*** 116 min. 1937. This film explores the career of the novelist who championed the cause of France's oppressed.

***Marie Antoinette (920 DVD MARIE ANTOINETTE)*** 120 min. 2006. A callous monarch is swept to her death in the torrent of the French Revolution. It is also the tale of a fragile young woman struggling to find herself during one of the most turbulent moments in human history.

***Napoleon: Soldier, Emperor, Lover, Statesman (920 DVD NAPOLEON)*** 240 min. 2000. For nearly two decades he strode the world stage like a colossus – loved and despised, venerated and feared. From his birth on the island of Corsica to his exile on the island of St. Helena, Napoleon brings this extraordinary figure to life.

***Picasso: The Man and His Work, Part 1 (920 DVD PICASSO, P.)*** 105 minutes each. 2002. Starting in 1896, when he was only 15, this program traces Picasso's artistic development, exploring his work as a youth, from the Blue period to the Pink period and his first steps into Cubism in 1906. During his Chrysteline period, he went from analytical to synthetic Cubism until entering his Neoclassical period in 1918. It culminates with the painting of his masterpiece "Guernico" in 1937.

***A Year in Provence (944.9 DVD YEA)*** 360 min. 1993. Based on Peter Mayle's bestseller, this is the hilarious first year account of the Mayles' adjustment to the idiosyncrasies of the locals and the quaint traditions of this charming region of France.

