

# Japanese Films

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**In Japanese with English captions, unless otherwise noted.**

**A (358.38 DVD A)** In English. 136 min. 2006. Here are the inside activities of Japan's religious cult Aum Shinrikyo, who released sarin gas into Tokyo's subway system in 1995. Not only was the daily life captured, but also the media frenzy, vicious tactics of undercover cops, and anger of local residents.

**After Life (DVD FOREIGN AFT)** 118 min. 1998. In Kore-eda's thought-provoking vision; the newly deceased find themselves in a way station between Heaven and Earth. With the help of dedicated caseworkers, each soul is given three days to choose one cherished memory for their life that they will relive for eternity. As the film reveals, recognizing happiness and finding a life's worth of meaning in a single event is no simple task.

**All About Lily Chou-Chou (DVD FOREIGN ALL)** 146 min. 2001. Eighth grader Yuichi worships singer Lily Chou-Chou to escape his own brutal life. At home, he rarely leaves his room, chatting on Lily Chou-Chou's fan website. Yuichi's life becomes unbearable when he falls prey to teen prostitution, petty theft, and murder.

**Assault on Iwo Jima (DVD FOREIGN ALL)** In English. 50 min. 2002. On February 19, 1945, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Marine Divisions stormed Iwo Jima's heavily defended shores in what was supposed to be a three or four day battle, instead, the siege went on for 36 days.

**At the Edge of the World (333.9595 DVD AT)** In English. 90 min. 2011. Follow the controversial Sea Shepherd Antarctic Campaign against a Japanese whaling fleet with an international volunteer crew, who are under-trained and under-equipped but develop innovative tactics with which to stop the whalers. First they must find the Japanese ships, a far more difficult challenge than ever imagined. Activist Paul Watson and first-time captain Alex Cornelissen use an array of strategies in the hopes of finding an elusive adversary in the Ross Sea.

**Audition (DVD FOREIGN AUD)** 115 min. 1999. Aoyama, a middle-aged widower, is urged by his son and film producer friend Yoshikawa to start dating again. Yoshikawa plans a phony audition for a non-existent film. After interviewing 30 hopefuls, Aoyama falls for the actress Asami, a former ballerina with a suspicious past.

**An Autumn Afternoon (DVD FOREIGN AUT)** 113 min. 1962. After living alone with his daughter for years, a widower must learn how to let her go, letting her be free to move on with her life by arranging a marriage for her.

**The Bad Sleep Well (DVD FOREIGN BAD)** 150 min. 1960. A grieving son (Toshiro Mifune) seeks revenge for his father's murder as he infiltrates the corrupt construction company that was responsible for his father's death.

**The Ballad of Narayama (DVD FOREIGN BAL)** 130 min. 1983. In a village, everyone who reaches the age of 70 is banished to the top of Mt. Narayama to die, so as not to be a burden on the village and bring disgrace upon their family. Orin is 69 and, despite being in good health, her time is coming. First, though, she has things to do and a score to settle.



**Black Rain (DVD FOREIGN BLA)** 123 min. 1989. A woman caught in fallout during the bombing of Hiroshima returns to her village, where she is ostracized and considered unsuitable for marriage.

**The Blind Swordsman: Zatoichi/Sonatine (DVD FOREIGN BLI)** 2 discs.

- *The Blind Swordsman: Zatoichi* 116 min. 2003. Japanese screen legend Beat Takeshi stars in an action-packed, award-winning film that has been compared to *Kill Bill Volume One*.
- *Sonatine*: 94 min. 1998. Beat Takeshi stars in a fast and furious gangland thriller with an edgy *Pulp Fiction* attitude.

**Bright Future (DVD FOREIGN BRI)** 93 min. 2002. Yūji and Mamoru are good friends who work at the same factory. Mamoru murders the factory owner and his wife and then commits suicide in the jail. Mamoru's father visits Yūji, and they explore their futures, keeping a jellyfish Mamoru left.

**The Burmese Harp (DVD FOREIGN BUR)** In Japanese and Burmese, with English captions. 116 min. 1956. In July 1945, Japan's army is on the run. A platoon in Burma sings to keep its spirit up, inspired by their lute player, Mizushima. Awaiting repatriation at war's end in Mudon prison camp, Mizushima is sent to convince a Japanese company to surrender. The British attack and his companions fear he has been killed, but he has survived, disguised as a Buddhist priest. En route back to Mudon, overwhelmed by the frequent sight of dead Japanese soldiers, he vows to live a life of prayer, burying bones and bodies rather than returning to Japan.

**Café Lumière (DVD FOREIGN CAF)** 104 min. 2003. Yoko, a freelance writer, becomes pregnant and chooses, against tradition and her parents' wishes, to raise the baby alone. In her loneliness and confusion, Yoko befriends the owner of a bookstore, who silently falls in love with her as she contemplates her choice.

**Chaos (DVD FOREIGN CHA)** 104 min. 1999. After a Japanese businessman's trophy wife vanishes, ransom demands arrive and the police are summoned. As the truth unfolds, this film transforms from a precision neo-noir to a macabre thriller and ultimately into a sexual gothic.

**Charisma (DVD FOREIGN CHA)** 104 min. 1999. A disgraced Tokyo detective is embroiled in a tense struggle revolving around a gnarled, forbidding tree in a remote forest where the other trees are dying or dead.

**Chushingura (DVD FOREIGN CHU)** 207 min. 1962. Their lord having been tricked into committing suicide by a corrupt official, a group of 47 samurai have been forced to become ronin. They nurse their anger and outrage, becoming personifications of the samurai spirit, until the time to avenge their dead lord's honor.

**The Cove (599.53 DVD COV)** In English. 92 min. 2009. In a lagoon off the coast of Japan is a highly guarded secret. During the night, Taiji fishermen hunt for thousands of dolphins. Their work is so horrifying, they will stop at nothing to keep it hidden from the world. When a team of activists, filmmakers, and free-divers embark on a secret mission to penetrate their cover, the shocking discoveries are just the tip of the iceberg.

**Crazed Fruit (DVD FOREIGN CRA)** 86 min. 2005. In the post-war sexual revolution, two brothers compete for the amorous favors of a young woman during a seaside summer of gambling, boating, and drinking.

**Dark Water (DVD FOREIGN DAR)** 100 min. 2001. Yoshimi Matsubara fights to gain legal custody of her daughter Ikuko while they live together in a dark, sullen apartment building. Already insecure and uncertain about her future with her daughter, Yoshimi is haunted by murky water dripping through the ceiling and walls, and by the appearances of a red bag that once belonged to a girl who had disappeared two years prior. Though she struggles to find the strength within herself for Ikuko's sake, her horror intensifies as she comes closer to discovering the connection between these events, and is completely unprepared for the truth that lies ahead.



***The Demon* (DVD FOREIGN DEM)** 110 min. 1978. A strange relationship develops between a man, his wife, and his mistress, and a young boy becomes the pawn in a dangerous game of passion and intrigue.

***Departures* (DVD FOREIGN DEP)** 131 min. 2008. Daigo Kobayashi is an unemployed cellist in an orchestra that has been dissolved. He decides to move back to his hometown with his wife to look for work. He answers a classified ad entitled 'Departures' thinking it is a travel advertisement. He discovers that the job is actually for a 'Nokanshi' or 'encoffineer,' a funeral professional who prepares deceased bodies for burial and entry into the next life. While his wife and others despise the job, Daigo is proud of his work and begins to perfect the art, acting as a gatekeeper between life and death, between the departed and their families.

***Dogfight over Guadalcanal* (940.5426 DVD DOG)** In English. 60 min. 2006. In the summer of 1942, two ace fighter pilots – one American and one Japanese – faced off during a dogfight in the skies over Guadalcanal. Eventually the Japanese pilot shot down the American, who crashed behind enemy lines but managed to escape before being captured. Using both pilots' memoirs and following a forensic expedition to the recently found American plane, this program examines and re-creates every anxious second of the WWII showdown over the Pacific, revealing how evenly matched the two men were and how they both survived, despite serious injuries.

***Dreams* (DVD FOREIGN DRE)** 120 min. 1990. Eight episodes explore many aspects of humankind and man's need to harmonize with nature, based on Akira Kurosawa's actual dreams.

***Drunken Angel* (DVD FOREIGN DRU)** 98 min. 1948. A yakuza mobster suffering from tuberculosis enters into an unusual relationship with an alcoholic doctor.

***Early Summer* (DVD FOREIGN EAR)** 125 min. 1951. In post-war Japan, a young woman must make the choice between pleasing her family and pleasing herself when faced with marriage to a man she does not love.

***Firefly Dreams* (DVD FOREIGN FIR)** 105 min. 2001. Naomi is a normal teenager whose mother abandons the family. Naomi's shattered father sends her off for the summer to work at his sister's country inn. It becomes apparent that she is not cut out for the service industry and her aunt asks her to tend to the aging neighbor, Mrs. Koide, who is slowly succumbing to Alzheimer's. Having fond memories of the place, Naomi agrees. Though Mrs. Koide does not remember her, Naomi enjoys her direct manner and the stories from Mrs. Koide's youth.

***Fires on the Plain* (DVD FOREIGN FIR)** 104 min. 1959. February 1945. Tamura's regiment of Japanese soldiers is fighting in the Philippines. A consumptive, neither his squad commander nor the doctor at the military hospital want him around – food is too scarce. Sent away, Tamura wanders the countryside, falling in with different groups of soldiers, observing Filipino peasants lighting large, smoky bonfires in the countryside. Are they signal fires sent out to American soldiers or local guerrillas? Whatever their purpose, Tamura is reassured by the hopeful idea of the peasants continuing the ritual of their simple life, uncorrupted by war.

***Good Morning* (DVD FOREIGN GOO)** 93 min. 1959. In this satiric comedy set in a 1950s residential suburb of Tokyo, two brothers refuse to talk until their parents agree to buy them a television set.

***Harakiri* (DVD FOREIGN HAR)** 133 min. 1962. Peace in 17th-century Japan causes the Shogunate's breakup of warrior clans, throwing thousands of samurai out of work and into poverty. An honorable end to such a fate under the samurai code is ritual suicide, or hara-kiri.

***The Hidden Fortress* (DVD FOREIGN HID)** 139 min. 1958. A princess must escape across enemy lines with the royal treasure, guarded only by a loyal general and two greedy peasants.

***High and Low (DVD FOREIGN HIG)*** 143 min. 1963. A botched kidnapping of a Japanese executive's son turns into a race against time.

***Ikiru (DVD FOREIGN IKI)*** 143 min. 1952. Discovering that he is in the last stages of cancer, a clerk spends his last months in search of life's meaning. After his pursuit of pleasure fails, he finds self-realization by building a playground in the slums and dies quietly fulfilled.

***Japan: Memoirs of a Secret Empire (952 DVD JAP)*** In English. 180 min. 2004. Between the 16th and 19th centuries, Japan was a world unto itself. The man at the heart of this empire was Tokugawa Ieyasu, a warlord who ruled with absolute control. This period is explored through the Shogun, Samurai, Geisha and a Westerner.

***Ju-on (DVD FOREIGN JUO)*** 92 min. 2003. A family is killed in their own home, leaving an evil spirit behind. An unknowing home care worker enters, the spirit is awakened, and a terrifying chain of events begins.

***Ju-on 2 (DVD FOREIGN JUO)*** 92 min. 2003. A car accident leaves Kyoko, a pregnant television star, devastated. With her fiancé in a coma and her unborn baby supposedly miscarried, she continues with her career in horror films. But when she agrees to appear in a pseudo-documentary about the "haunted house" where Kayako and Toshio still "reside," everyone involved with the production is missing or dead, and Kyoko, who has recently been informed that she is still pregnant, realizes that what she is carrying may not be hers at all.

***Kabei, Our Mother (DVD FOREIGN KAB)*** 133 min. 2008. After her husband is arrested on suspicion of being a Communist, a woman is left in charge of taking care of her household and her two daughters, with the help of her husband's sister, during the early days of World War II.

***Kagemusha (DVD FOREIGN KAG)*** 180 min. 1980. Reconstructing the splendor of feudal Japan and the pageantry of war, Kurosawa creates a historical epic about a peasant impersonating a nobleman in battle. This is the original uncut Japanese version, not the shortened international version from 20th Century Fox.

***Kamikaze Girls (DVD FOREIGN KAM)*** 103 min. 2004. An unusual friendship develops between a spunky biker girl and a bored girl stuck in rural Japan who fantasizes about 18th century France.

***Kikujiro (DVD FOREIGN KIK)*** 116 min. 1999. Lonely nine-year-old Masao leaves Tokyo in search of his mother, whom he has never met. He's accompanied across the Japanese countryside by the surly, middle-aged crook Kikujiro, who does not wish to chaperone. When Kikujiro gambles away all the money, the two must rely on their wits and the kindness of strangers.

***Kurosawa (920 DVD KUROSAWA)*** 215 min. 2000. This documentary of Japanese director Akira Kurosawa features his family, colleagues and critics from Japan and America commenting on the man and his films. Excerpts from many of his famous works are included.

***Kwaidan (DVD FOREIGN KWA)*** 161 min. 1965. Four stories of the supernatural are based on Japanese folk material. In "The Black Hair," a poor young samurai leaves his first wife to marry a rich woman. When he is unhappy in his second marriage, he returns to his first wife, who at first appears unchanged. In "The Woman of the Snow," a woodcutter is spared by a mysterious ghost-like woman in the snow, but must promise never to tell anyone. In "Hoichi, the Earless," a blind musician-monk named Hoichi is commanded by ghosts to sing the saga of their ancient deeds. A monk paints Hoichi's body with prayer verses to protect him, but overlooks Hoichi's ears. In "In a Cup of Tea," a writer wonders what would happen to a person who drinks another's soul.

**Late Spring (DVD FOREIGN LAT)** 200 min. 1949. A widowed father feels compelled to marry off his beloved only daughter.

**Love and Honor (DVD FOREIGN LOV)** 125 min. 2006. Witness the emotional intensity of an age when respect was more valuable than riches and love cut more truly than any sword. Shinnojo Mimura is a samurai, sharing a hand-to-mouth life with his beautiful wife, until he goes blind, and loses everything.

**Madadayo (DVD FOREIGN MAD)** 134 min. 1992. Set in postwar Japan, the film follows the last two decades in the life of Hyakken Uchida, a free spirited writer and teacher, highlighted by his relationship with his students who venerate him in his old age.

**Man Walking on Snow (DVD FOREIGN MAN)** 103 min. 2001. Since the death of his wife, sake producer Nobuo Honma lives with his youngest son. Each day, he takes a walk in the winter snow. Nobuo's routine is disrupted when he asks his oldest son to come to Hokkaido.

**Midnight Eagle (DVD FOREIGN MID)** 133 min. 2007. A gifted photographer witnesses the crash of a U.S. bomber in Japan's snowy northern Alps and becomes a reluctant hero who must defy the odds to protect the plane's lethal contents from getting into the wrong hands.

**Moon Child (DVD FOREIGN MOO)** 119 min. 2004. Part futuristic science fiction and part John Woo style gunplay, this is a gothic vampire horror film from Japan. Director Takahisa Zeze brings a deliciously stylized vision to this tale of doomed friends whose gangster lifestyle becomes corrupted.

**Most Honorable Son (940.5317 DVD MOS)** In English. 60 min. 2007. After the Pearl Harbor attack, Ben Kuroki is the first Japanese-American war hero, surviving 58 missions as an aerial gunner. But he is at the center of controversy as the lone spokesman against the racism faced by thousands of Japanese-Americans.

**Musashi Miyamoto: Samurai I (DVD FOREIGN MUS)** 93 min. 1954. Musashi is a brash, ambitious peasant seeking fame and power as a swordsman. His dreams of glory turn sour when his army is routed and he is hunted by the authorities. With a monk's help, the swordsman calms his hot temper and becomes thoughtful.

**Nobody Knows (DVD FOREIGN NOB)** 139 min. 2004. Four children are forced to rely on one another after being abandoned by their mother in this critically-acclaimed, powerful, and heartfelt story.

**The Only Son/There Was a Father (DVD FOREIGN ONL)**

- *The Only Son:* 83 min. 1936. A peasant woman loves her son so much, she gives up everything so he can be educated in Tokyo. Ten years later, she pays her son a visit in Tokyo, believing that he has become a successful young man. However, she is bitterly disappointed to find out that he is working as a night-school teacher and living in poverty with his family.
- *There Was a Father:* 87 min. 1942. After the death of his wife, a school teacher raises his son alone. During a field trip, one of his students is fatally injured. Taking responsibility for the accident, the father puts his son in a boarding school and works in a Tokyo factory. The son grows up to be a teacher and meets his father again. He wishes to quit his job and live with his father, who is horrified at this idea.

**Pearl Harbor: Legacy of Attack (940.5426 DVD PEA)** In English. 90 min. 2001. Explore the still unsolved mysteries and startling true stories from behind the 'day of infamy' that plunged the United States into World War II, a search for a sunken Japanese midget submarine, eyewitness accounts by both American and Japanese survivors, and images captured inside the sunken hull of the battleship Arizona.

**Picture Bride (DVD FOREIGN PIC)** 95 min. 1995. In the early 1900s, a Japanese woman leaves unhappiness behind, going to Hawaii as a mail order bride to a man she knows only by a photograph. Although she is disappointed when he turns out to be older, she finds that life in this new land is exciting and satisfying.

**Ran (DVD FOREIGN RAN)** 160 min. 1985. In 16th century Japan, a ruler attempts to divide his kingdom among his three sons, who turn against each other and betray their father, triggering events that shatter the kingdom, destroy the family, and drive their father insane. Based on Shakespeare's King Lear.

**Rashomon (DVD FOREIGN RAS)** 88 min. 1950. Set in the Middle Ages, the nature of truth and subjective reality are probed as a flashback technique is used to tell four different versions of what occurred during a man's murder and the rape of his wife by a bandit.

**Red Beard (DVD FOREIGN RED)** 185 min. 1965. A vain young doctor learns a valuable lesson from the dedicated director of a clinic for destitute patients.

**Retribution (DVD FOREIGN RET)** 104 min. 2006. Detective Yoshioka is investigating the drowning death of a woman in a red dress. Face down in a muddy puddle, her stomach is full of sea water. The detective's fingerprints and personal items are found at the murder scene. As more bodies turn up that have been killed in the same way, even the detective wonders whether he himself may be the very murderer that he is pursuing.

**Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles (DVD FOREIGN RID)** In Mandarin and Japanese, with English captions. 109 min. 2005. Takada is an aging Japanese fisherman who has been estranged from his son for many years. When the son is diagnosed with terminal cancer, his daughter-in-law Rie summons him to the hospital. When his son refuses to see him, Rie gives him a videotape about the work his son was doing on a documentary film in a remote region of China's Yunnan province. Still troubled by the relationship, Takada decides to go to China and complete his son's work, to develop an understanding of his son and to do something for him. Once in China, a series of obstacles and relationships bring him unexpectedly closer to understanding.

**Samurai Rebellion (DVD FOREIGN SAM)** 121 min. 1967. A clan lord orders an aging swordsman to have his son marry the lord's mistress, but reverses his decision after the young couple falls in love.

**Sanjuro (DVD FOREIGN SAN)** 99 min. 1962. A skilled but slovenly ronin assists a group of naive young warriors fighting their corrupt clan leaders and keeps them out of trouble and alive in spite of their high ideals.

**The Sea is Watching (DVD FOREIGN SEA)** 119 min. 2002. O-Shin, a geisha in 19th century Japan, meets a samurai named Fusanosuke, who is on the run for killing a man. She assists him by cutting his hair. Despite the protests of O-Shin's friend, the two fall in love. Eventually he leaves O-Shin, only to return later and reveal that he is engaged. O-Shin falls in love again with Ryosuke, who is also a samurai.

**Seven Samurai (DVD FOREIGN SEV)** 211 min. 1954. In 16th century Japan, desperate villagers with a dirty little secret hire seven warriors to defend them against a band of merciless, roaming bandits.

**Shall We Dance? (DVD FOREIGN SHA)** 119 min. 1996. A middle-aged businessman's dull life takes an interesting turn when he signs up for a ballroom dance class just to meet the beautiful dance instructor.

**Still Walking (DVD FOREIGN STI)** 114 min. 2011. Fashioned as a tribute to his parents, the film depicts one day in the life of the Yokoyamas, gathered together for a celebratory ritual that only gradually makes itself clear. Rather than focus on big dramatic moments, it portrays simple gestures and domestic routines (especially cooking) to evoke a family's entire life, its deep regrets and its daily joys.



***A Story of Floating Weeds* and *Floating Weeds* (DVD FOREIGN STO)** 2 discs.

- *A Story of Floating Weeds* 86 min. 1934. B&W silent film with Japanese intertitles and English captions.
- *Floating Weeds* 119 min. 1959. Color remake in Japanese with English captions. Both films concern a troupe of travelling players visiting a remote town where the ex-mistress of the leading actor lives. She has a son by the leading actor, but hasn't told her child who his father is.

***The Sun* (DVD FOREIGN SUN)** 110 min. 2010. Here are the events leading up to Emperor Hirohito's momentous speech, the historic renunciation of his divine status, and his meetings with General Douglas MacArthur, the commander-in-chief of the occupying American forces, who advises his own president not to declare the Japanese leader a war criminal.

***Sword of Doom* (DVD FOREIGN SWO)** 121 min. 1965. Ryunosuke is a sociopathic samurai. When he is scheduled for an exhibition match at his fencing school, the wife of his opponent begs Ryunosuke to throw the match, offering her own virtue in trade.

***Tampopo* (DVD FOREIGN TAM)** 114 min. 1986. A young widow who runs a small noodle restaurant in Tokyo and Goro, a cowboy-hat-wearing truck driver, attempt to devise the perfect bowl of top ramen.

***A Taxing Woman* (DVD FOREIGN TAX)** 127 min. 1987. A subtly hilarious tale of Ryoko, Tokyo's hardest working female tax inspector. The diligence of this innocent looking heroine is matched only by the intricate deceptions of Gondo, tax cheater extraordinaire.

***Throne of Blood* (DVD FOREIGN THR)** 109 min. 1957. This adaptation of Shakespeare's Macbeth, set in feudal Japan, tells the story of a Samurai lord who kills his master and usurps his power in fulfillment of a witch's prophecy.

***Tokyo Sonata* (DVD FOREIGN TOK)** 119 min. 2008. A contemporary Japanese family is torn apart after its patriarch unexpectedly loses his job. Ashamed, he keeps this a secret, but as he grows more despondent, his family resorts to drastic measures to break away from their fractured lives.

***Tokyo Story* (DVD FOREIGN TOK)** 136 min. 1953. When an aging couple journeys to visit with their adult children and family, they find they are an intrusion on the younger generation's lifestyle.

***Tokyo Streets* (952 DVD TOK)** Neither English dialog nor captions in any language. 80 min. 2008. See for yourself the lifestyle of the residents of Tokyo. The images gathered over a month's stay in Tokyo are the basis of this DVD entirely dedicated to urban fashion trends of the Japanese.

***Twenty-Four Eyes* (DVD FOREIGN TWE)** 156 min. 1954. This elegant, emotional chronicle of a teacher's unwavering commitment to her students, her profession, and her sense of morality takes a simultaneously sober and sentimental look at the epic themes of aging, war, and death.

***24 Hours after Hiroshima* (940.5425 DVD TWE)** In English. 50 min. 2010. On August 6th, 1945, a weapon unlike any other was unleashed on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. Four days later, the Japanese surrendered, having been subjected to horrors and devastation previously unimaginable. A team of scientists and experts from the Manhattan Project was ordered by President Truman to investigate the facts of what really happened when the atomic bomb exploded over Hiroshima. Revealed is what happened in those first 24 hours.



**2LDK (DVD FOREIGN TWO)** 70 min. 2002. Two actresses who share an apartment are in fierce competition with each other and use violence to settle their disagreements.

**Ugetsu (DVD FOREIGN UGE)** 97 min. 1953. Set in 16th century Japan, a period of bloody civil war, the film is rooted in the postwar psyche of 1950s Japan. It focuses on an ambitious potter haunted by a beautiful ghost and a farmer who dreams of becoming a samurai.

**Vengeance is Mine (DVD FOREIGN VEN)** 140 min. 1979. Director Imamura turns this fact-based story of the seventy-eight day killing spree of Iwao Enokizu, a remorseless “king of criminals” from a devoutly Catholic family, into a cold, perverse, and at times funny tale of the primitive coexisting with the modern.

**Warm Water under a Red Bridge (DVD FOREIGN WAR)** 119 min. 2003. An unemployed architect travels to a fishing village, searching for treasure rumored to be hidden in a house near a red bridge. He forms a relationship with one of the home's occupants, a woman with an "unusual" condition.

**Yojimbo (DVD FOREIGN YOJ)** 110 min. 1961. In this humorous parody of a classic western set in 1860, two warring clans vying for power bid for the services of a wandering samurai-for-hire. In this satire on greed, violence, paranoia, and human weakness, he becomes embroiled in the dispute and orchestrates the town's self-destruction.

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