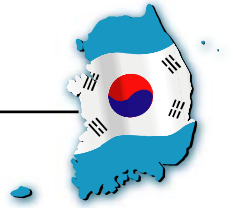


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In Korean with English captions, unless otherwise noted.

***A Bizarre Love Triangle* (DVD FOREIGN BIZ)** In Korean with English or Chinese captions. 90 min. 2002. Eun-hee and Keum-sook's love is challenged when Keum-sook is imprisoned for Eun-hee's crimes. Soon Eun-hee falls for Keum-sook's female friend, Doo-chan. Feeling betrayed, Keum-sook tries to end this love triangle.

***The Bow* (DVD FOREIGN BOW)** 90 min. 2005. A 60 year old man, who raised a girl since she was six years old, plans to marry her when she turns 17. He will do anything to protect her and she is content until a young man introduces her to a world beyond.

***Chi-hwa-seon/ Painted Fire* (DVD FOREIGN CHI)** 116 min. 2002. In a time of political and social unrest in 19th century Korea, an uncouth, self-taught painter explores his natural talent amidst the repressive world around him.

***Christmas in August* (DVD FOREIGN CHR)** In Korean or dubbed Cantonese, with English or Chinese captions. 97min. 1998. Terminally ill Jung Won decides to spend his last days at his photo shop. There he meets Darim, a meter reader who drops by daily to develop pictures of parking violators. She becomes part of his daily routine, and he falls in love with her.

***Chunhyang* (DVD FOREIGN CHU)** 120 min. 2000. Mongryong, the son of a governor in 18th century Korea, loves Chunhyang, the daughter of a proud former courtesan, and they secretly marry out of fear of reprisal. Trouble results when Mongryong is ordered to Seoul to finish his education, and a new, vindictive governor pursues Chunhyang and then imprisons her when she refuses his advances.

***Daytime Drinking* (DVD FOREIGN DAY)** 116 min. 2008. After breaking up with his girlfriend, Hyuk-jin and his friends agree to go on a trip to mend his broken heart. However, Hyuk-jin discovers he is alone, because his friends had horrible hangovers and completely forgot their plans. Over the next few days, he encounters a series of increasingly bizarre situations, most of them because of drinking. Now he must find a way to stop the world's worst hangover, get back to Seoul, and end this drunken odyssey.

***In Between Days* (DVD FOREIGN IN)** 82 min. 2007. A teenager recently transplanted from South Korea to a snowbound North American city struggles to find her way in a strange land of new faces.

***The Isle* (DVD FOREIGN ISL)** 89 min. 2000. A woman lives on a remote lake, selling food to fishermen by day and her body by night. Her life changes forever when she becomes obsessed with a former police officer living on the lake.

***J.S.A.: Joint Security Area* (DVD FOREIGN JSA)** 109 min. 2000. In the sensitive, highly-armed Korean DMZ, 16 shots are fired, and a North Korean soldier is killed. A South Korean soldier and a North Korean soldier give completely contradictory accounts of the event, and another witness attempts to commit suicide rather than submit to questioning. A Swiss military team from the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission is asked to investigate this mysterious incident before it escalates.



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Lady Vengeance (DVD FOREIGN LAD) In Korean with English or Spanish captions. 112 min. 2005. After being wrongfully convicted of a crime, a young woman is imprisoned for 13 years and forced to give up her daughter. Upon her release, she plans an elaborate retribution, but does not know what is in store.

My Beautiful Girl Mari (DVD FOREIGN MY) 80 min. 2002. In this animated feature, a young boy lives in a seaside village with his mother and grandmother. One day he finds a mysterious marble with the image of a beautiful girl inside, and he falls into a fantasy world.

Never Forever (DVD FOREIGN NEV) 102 min. 2008. After finding that her husband is unable to father children, a woman with a seemingly perfect marriage to a successful lawyer begins an affair with an immigrant worker in order to get pregnant.

Oasis (DVD FOREIGN OAS) 132 min. 2004. Jong-du, a young man just out of prison for manslaughter, is a social misfit: fidgety, snuffling, laughing inappropriately. When released, he calls on the family of the victim. They send him away, but not before he has seen Gong-ju, a young woman disabled severely by cerebral palsy. Both are abused by their families, and both are used by them, as well. Although their relationship begins with Jong-du's criminal behavior, a friendship develops. They talk of favorite things, he washes her hair, they go out, and he helps her past her fears of the dark. Is there a place in the world for these two inarticulate people?

Oldboy (DVD FOREIGN OLD) In Korean with English or Spanish captions. 120 min. 2003. After being kidnapped and imprisoned for 15 years, Daesu is released and sets out to find his abductors.

Peppermint Candy (DVD FOREIGN PEP) 129 min. 2000. A distraught middle-aged man, Kim Yong-ho, lies beside a railroad bridge overlooking a field. Nearby is a reunion of the Bong-woo Club, which formed 20 years earlier at the same site during a social gathering of factory employees. Yong-ho stumbles into the picnic and is recognized by the members. Unable to disconnect from his anguish and join in the amusement of his former colleagues, he climbs to the railroad tracks and throws himself in front of a passing train, shouting "I am going back." The film then reverses through the past 20 years of Yong-ho's life.

The Red Shoes (DVD FOREIGN RED) 103 min. 2006. Sun Jae finds a pair of red shoes inside her subway car and decides to take them with her. Unfortunately, these shoes are cursed and cause unspeakable repercussions for those foolish enough to try them on.

Save the Green Planet (DVD FOREIGN SAV) 118 min. 2003. Convinced that Andromedans have infiltrated human society, a disturbed man sets out to kidnap his ex-boss and torture him until he confesses his alien identity and calls off the invasion of Earth.

Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter—and Spring (DVD FOREIGN SPR) 103 min. 2003. This film presents a chronicle of the life of a Buddhist monk from childhood to the end of his days.

Tae Guk Gi: the Brotherhood of War (DVD FOREIGN TAE) In Korean with English or French captions. 148 min. 2004. After independence, Korea is full of hope for the future. However, everything changes when the Korean War breaks out. Two brothers are immediately drafted and sent to the front lines, where their bond is put to the test and their fate is uncertain.

Take Care of My Cat (DVD FOREIGN TAK) 112 min. 2001. This film tenderly and unsentimentally charts the paths of four modern South Korean women as they navigate the hazards of young adulthood.

***Tell Me Something* (DVD FOREIGN TEL)** 116 min. 2002. A cop, who is under investigation for graft and mourning the recent death of his mother, is put in charge of a seemingly impenetrable mystery.

***Thirst* (DVD FOREIGN THI)** 134 min. 2009. Sang-hyun is a priest who cherishes life - so much so that he selflessly volunteers for a secret vaccine development project meant to eradicate a deadly virus. But the virus takes the priest, and a blood transfusion is urgently ordered. The blood he receives is infected, so Sang-hyun now exists as a vampire.

***301/302* (DVD FOREIGN THR)** 98 min. 1995. The mysterious disappearance of one of two young women who live across the hall from each other provokes a police investigation that sets in motion a chain of flashbacks that illustrate the women's comically conflicted relationship. One woman is a compulsive cook and the other, an anorexic.

***Time* (DVD FOREIGN TIM)** 97 min. 2006. After 2 years together, Seh-hee thinks Ji-woo no longer finds her attractive and she runs away. Reappearing six months later with a new name and a surgically altered face, she woos Ji-woo again. Now she has to compete against the memory of her old self. When she confesses her deception, their rediscovered romance is forced to walk a tightrope of tragedy.

***Treeless Mountain* (DVD FOREIGN TRE)** 89 min. 2008. Two young girls are sent to live with relatives while their mother searches for their missing father. When their mother doesn't come back, they are left at their grandparent's house, where they finally learn the importance of family.

***Untold Scandal* (DVD FOREIGN UNT)** 124 min. 2003. Set in 19th century Korea, this is a tale of treachery, lust, and sacrifice. Young Lord Jo-Won's public life of idle nobility masks a not-so-private life of unending sexual conquest. He is challenged by his equally debauched cousin Lady Cho to seduce a teenaged virgin. Jo-Won accepts on condition that Cho surrender herself to him if he succeeds. But the real target of Jo-Won's ardor becomes Lady Sook, a stunningly attractive, pious widow.

***The Way Home* (DVD FOREIGN WAY)** 88 min. 2002. Through an elderly, old-fashioned grandmother, a spoiled boy comes to accept and understand her lifestyle and the pleasures of nature.

***Why has Bodhi-Dharma Left for the East?* (DVD FOREIGN WHY)** 135 min. 1989. In a remote mountain monastery, an old master, a young monk, and an orphaned boy devote themselves to their Buddhist teachings. As the master faces death, he must lead his disciples away from their past ties to the outside world and its rapidly changing values, and point them toward their quest for enlightenment.

***Woman is the Future of Man* (DVD FOREIGN WOM)** 88min. 2004. Two friends meet after being apart for years – one in the United States studying film, and the other a university professor. As they talk, they realize they both loved the same woman, and decide to go find her to see if any sparks fly.

***Woman on the Beach* (DVD FOREIGN WOM)** 128 min. 2006. A filmmaker learns that sometimes being fickle in love isn't always the way to be happy when he takes his production designer on a trip to the beach, and the designer's girlfriend falls for the filmmaker.



Other DVDs on Korean Topics

***Families of Korea* (J DVD 306.85 FAM)** 30 min. 2005. Experience a day in the lives of two young children and their families in Korea.

***Inside North Korea* (DVD 951.93 INS)** 52 min. 2007. Explorer offers a comprehensive look at the most reclusive member of the Axis of Evil, from the tense world of the Demilitarized Zone to the surreal life of the Dear Leader Kim Jong II.

***Korean War Stories* (DVD 951.9 KOR)** 60 min. 2001. Veterans share stories of the "forgotten war," remembering the human and social costs the Korean War had on America. Interviewees include Sen. John Glenn and John S. Warner, baseball's Ted Williams, musician Willie Nelson, former Secretary of State James Baker, Rep. Charles Rangel, Lt. Col. Charles B. "Brad" Smith, and Gen. Raymond Davis.

