

DVD

WALKABOUT Jenny Agutter, Lucien John, David Gumpilil (1971, *Home Vision/Criterion*, unrated, \$29.95)

Unlike the studied prettiness of, say, *The English Patient*, Nicolas Roeg's deceptively simple tale of two children lost in the Australian outback has a stark beauty that's stunning on DVD. The gorgeousness keeps their plight in perspective—you know these kids will never have it better—and also makes this an apt demonstration disc when you want to show friends how great DVD can be. Audio commentary from Roeg and Agutter is thoughtful and polite, with Agutter whispering guiltily about wearing the wrong shoes in a scene that couldn't be reshot. The movie: **A-** The extras: **B** —*Michael Giltz*