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▲ **"LEAVE IT TO BEAVER" FIRST SEASON LIMITED EDITION**
Universal; \$69.98; Out now
TV's first realistic depiction of kids — they keep secrets from their parents, avoid baths, and generally behave like actual children — remains disarmingly clever and sweet. The must-have limited edition includes a lunch box and family photo album.

▶ **"THE ROCKFORD FILES" SEASON ONE**
Universal; \$39.98; Out Dec. 6
If "Barney Miller" set the standard for realistic cop shows, James Garner's hapless private eye set the standard for real detective work. Rockford often got beat up, was confused about whodunit and always struggled to pay his bills. A genuine classic.



▲ **"TOUR OF DUTY" ENTIRE SERIES**
Sony; \$121.95; Out Dec. 13

All 58 episodes of this memorable show about soldiers fighting an unpopular war (this time, Vietnam) are encased in a clever metal box. Reminds us of what we always knew: whatever the war, soldiers pay a heavy price.

Our picks for best TV on DVD

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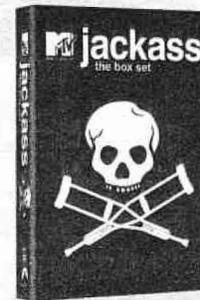
Ten years ago, the only TV shows available on DVD were sci-fi cult shows like "Star Trek" and the occasional miniseries. Now literally everything is flooding onto DVD: this fall, you can find anything from classic Barbra Streisand TV specials to a mid-season compilation of episodes from "Battlestar: Galactica." So whether you're buying a gift or buying to catch up on a favorite, here are the titles out now and coming soon you'll want to keep an eye on.



▲ **"THE GOLDEN GIRLS" THIRD SEASON**
Buena Vista; \$39.99; Out now
Those sassy, sexy old gals are as amusing and popular as ever especially among young people. No TV movie reunion, please, but a six-episode summer run could be fun. Until then, here's their most popular season with minimal extras (not even cheesecake).

Tough stuff

▶ **"24" SEASON FOUR**
Fox; \$69.98; Out Dec. 6
"Prison Break." "Lost." The upcoming "Kidnapped." All these cliffhangers owe a debt to Kiefer Sutherland's Jack Bauer and this nail-biting drama, the "Perils of Pauline" for the new millennium.



◀ **"JACKASS" THE BOX SET**
Paramount; \$54.99; Out Dec. 6
Apparently putting lit firecrackers in your butt and stapling signs to your buddy's ass can make you a star. Hey, it worked for Johnny Knoxville, thanks to MTV's dumber-than-dumb stunt show.

▶ **"THE SHIELD" FOURTH SEASON**
Fox; \$59.98; Out Dec. 26
Glenn Close was robbed! She deserved an Emmy for going mano-a-mano with the gritty, corrupt but maybe redeemable Mackey (Michael Chiklis). A very under-appreciated drama.



◀ **BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER THE CHOSEN COLLECTION**
Fox; \$199.98; Out now
Quite simply, one of the wittiest, most original shows that TV has ever produced. Enjoy it as a metaphor for teen angst, enjoy it as a monster flick or enjoy it as a clever creator of catch-phrases. But truly, if you watch it, you will enjoy it.

▶ **"BATTLESTAR: GALACTICA" SEASON ONE**
Universal; \$49.98; Out Dec. 20
For the first time in history, a TV show releases new episodes in the middle of a season. (More new episodes in January.) And no wonder: who can wait to watch them again? This is one of the most gripping shows on TV, so catch up.



Toon up

▶ **"FAMILY GUY" VOLUME 3**
Fox; \$39.98; Out November 29
This show has come back from the dead more times than the Mummy. Here you get a new batch of episodes from the current season. Now if only they'd kill "American Dad."



▶ **"AEON FLUX" COMPLETE ANIMATED COLLECTION**
Paramount; \$38.99; Out now
Before watching the live-action Charlize Theron extravaganza (out Dec. 2), why not dig into the original animated series that played on MTV late at night. It told the gripping story of a really hot assassin and paved the way for Cartoon Network's Adult Swim.



▶ **"STAR WARS CLONE WARS" VOLUME 2**
Fox; \$19.98; Out Dec. 6
This rollicking anime series takes place between the movies "Star Wars II" and "Star Wars III." And the Force is with it: this is much better than either of them.

