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1. Glee: The Complete First Season (DVD/20th Century Fox/\$60)
Get ready to Gleeek out. Season One of the high school series with a heart of gold (and vocal cords of steel!) is now available on DVD. Bonus material includes karaoke captions, a behind-the-scenes look at the "Power of Madonna" episode, and the dance tutorial "Staying in Step with Glee"—plus extended episodes.



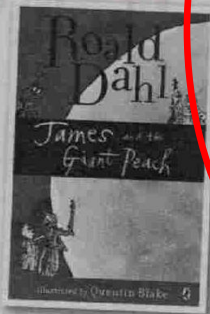
2. Thomas & Friends Misty Island Rescue (DVD/Lionsgate/\$20)

Commemorate the 65th birthday of beloved children's choo-choo Thomas the Tank Engine as he leaves the Island of Sodor for the first time in this new animated adventure.



5. Roald Dahl Month (roalddahl.com)

Celebrate the cherished author by picking up *The Missing Golden Ticket and Other Splendiferous Secrets*, featuring a lost chapter from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Then get to know the man behind the magic. Donald Sturrock's *Storyteller* reveals Dahl to be not just a brilliant writer but also a spy, an A-list Lothario, and, later, a man haunted by tragedy. "Invention is always more interesting than reality," Dahl once said. Not so.



3. Legends of the Canyon (DVD/Image/\$20)

This visually stunning documentary reveals how Crosby, Stills & Nash, the Mamas and Papas, the Byrds, Joni Mitchell, and other artists met and made music in the Hollywood Hills in the 1960s.

4. Bitter in the Mouth (Fiction/Random House/\$25)

"A family narrative should begin with love," Monique Truong's gifted, wounded heroine ruefully acknowledges. A searing exploration of intimacy and enmity, language, betrayal, and silence, *Bitter in the Mouth* is as dazzling as it is deeply emotional. It also has the best twist in its tail—ever.

6. Band of Joy (CD/Rounder/\$19)

Having beguiled listeners in 2007 with *Raising Sand*, his Grammy-winning album with Alison Krauss, Robert Plant is back with another sonic curveball: *Band of Joy*, an eclectic collection of songs featuring Los Lobos' "Angel Dance" and the '60s soul classic "I'm Falling In Love Again"—as well as a new duet partner, Patty Griffin.



7. Mockingjay (Young-adult fiction/Scholastic/\$18)

Can Katniss Everdeen exact revenge on the leaders who kill for sport—and crowd control? Or will doing so destroy this 17-year-old firebrand, and the boy who sacrificed all to keep her alive? The indelible conclusion to Suzanne Collins' *Hunger Games* trilogy proves once more that the greatest fantasy novels hold an incandescent mirror up to reality.

8. A Curable Romantic (Fiction/Algonquin/\$26)

A young man falls in love, befriends Sigmund Freud, and learns that the object of his desire may be possessed by the ghost of his ex-wife—all in the opening chapters of Joseph Skibell's wonderfully surreal new novel. The story of passion, faith, and fate that follows is both funny and thoughtful.

9. A Virtual Assistant (Cozi.com)

Keep track of band rehearsals, soccer games, shopping lists, and more with Cozi.com's online family organizer. It's free, easy to use, and accessible from the Web or any phone. You can even subscribe to school calendars to have events added for you. One less thing to worry about.



10. The Middle: Season 1 (DVD/Warner/\$46)

Patricia Heaton stars as an exhausted mother trying to navigate economic hard times in this sharp, underrated sitcom. Full of heart and humor, the show features one of TV's quirkiest families. Extras include unaired scenes and a gag reel.

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