

Hidden Gems

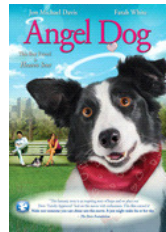
Each month, a secret team of experienced Video Retailers gathers to recommend lesser-known new release product with the artwork, genres, actors, and filmmaking that rents... a/k/a the "Hidden Gems" of the month! A title recommendation is not a guarantee of performance; retailers should ultimately decide product purchases based on their own market situation.



A CHRISTMAS WEDDING TAIL

Studio: Anchor Bay
MPAA Rating: PG
Genre: Family
Starring: Jennie Garth, Brad Rowe, Tom Arnold, Catherine Hicks, Jay Mohr
Director: Michael Feifer
Video Release Date: 12/6/11

Susan's dog Rusty falls for Jake's poodle Cheri and the dogs scheme to help their owners fall in love too. With Christmas Day wedding to plan—and major complications—can two mismatched broods find a way to make one happy family?



ANGEL DOG

Studio: Screen Media
MPAA Rating: PG
Genre: Family/Drama
Starring: Jon Michael Davis, Farah White
Director: Robin Nations
Video Release Date: 12/6/11

Jake suffered great loss and has to learn to move forward and love again. His inspiration to get off the sofa and go on living comes from somewhere unexpected, a lovable stray named Cooper.



BLACKTHORN

Studio: Magnolia
MPAA Rating: R
Genre: Western
Starring: Sam Shepard, Eduardo Noriega, Stephen Rea
Director: Mateo Gil
Video Release Date: 12/20/11

In Bolivia, Butch Cassidy (now calling himself James Blackthorne) pines for one last sight of home, an adventure that aligns him with a young robber and makes the duo a target for gangs and lawmen alike.



IN THE NAME OF THE KING - TWO WORLDS

Studio: FOX
MPAA Rating: PG-13
Genre: Action/Adventure/Drama
Starring: Dolph Lundgren, Natassia Malthe, Lochlyn Munro
Director: Uwe Boll
Video Release Date: 12/27/11

An ex-Special Forces soldier gets thrown back to medieval times to fulfill an ancient prophecy and ends up finding redemption for his own battlefield experiences.



LITTLE DEATHS

Studio: Image
MPAA Rating: Not Rated
Genre: Horror
Starring: Scott Ainslie, Mike Anfield, James Anniballi
Director: Andrew Parkinson, Sean Hogan, Simon Rumley
Video Release Date: 12/13/11

Composed of three disturbingly sensual and terrifying short narratives about couples and their secret bedroom life, unified by the twin themes of sex and death.



OCCUPANT

Studio: Viva Pictures
MPAA Rating: Not Rated
Genre: Thriller
Starring: Van Hansis, Jamie Harrold, Brian Berrebbi
Director: Josh Crook
Video Release Date: 12/6/11

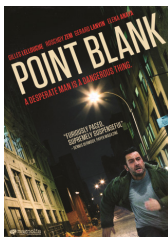
After Danny's grandmother dies, he is given a chance to move into her mammoth rent controlled apartment. But in order to ensure he is not kicked out of the building, he must spend 12 days locked inside. There's just one problem — he may not be the only occupant.



PETE SMALLS IS DEAD

Studio: Image
MPAA Rating: Not Rated
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Mark Boone Junior, Steve Buscemi, Seymour Cassel, Peter Dinklage, Rosie Perez
Director: Alexandre Rockwell
Video Release Date: 12/27/11

Down on his luck KC Munk has to come up with the money to pay back his bookie in order to save dog. So he looks up an old friend and successful director Pete Smalls, only to find he died. But once at the funeral, KC finds there is more to Pete's death than him being dead.



POINT BLANK

Studio: Magnolia
MPAA Rating: R
Genre: Action/Crime/Thriller
Starring: Gilles Lellouche, Roschdy Zem, Gerard Larvin
Director: Fred Cavayé
Video Release Date: 12/6/11

Samuel is a nurse who saves the wrong guy — a thief whose henchmen take Samuel's pregnant wife hostage to force him to spring their boss from the hospital. Racing through the subways and streets of Paris, Samuel must evade cops and the criminal underground to deliver his beloved to safety.



TANNER HALL

Studio: Anchor Bay
MPAA Rating: R
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Rooney Mara, Brie Larsen, Georgina King, Tom Everett Scott, Chris Kattan, Amy Sedaris
Director: Francesca Gregorini, Tatiana von Furstenberg
Video Release Date: 12/13/11

Tanner Hall is a vivid peek into the private world of an all-girls boarding school. In a cozy, but run down New England, the knot of adolescent complexity is unraveled through the coming of age stories of four teenage girls.



THE POOL BOYS

Studio: E1
MPAA Rating: R
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Matthew Lillard, Rachelle Lefevre, Tom Arnold, Efrén Ramirez, Robert Davi
Director: J.B. Rogers
Video Release Date: 12/27/11

Tired of working dead end jobs, a pool boy and his friends scheme to get rich quick by turning an empty mansion into a home for women belonging to the world's oldest profession.