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WHAT’S NEW

GREAT AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS
An eight part series that brings to light the accomplishments of over forty brilliant black writers, who against all odds wrote great novels, plays and poetry. See page 5.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
This series features the directors that are making the mega-franchise blockbusters. Host Erick Avari showcases the great directors that have led the way to the Hollywood of the 21st Century. See page 11.

A HISTORY OF GREAT PLAYWRIGHTS
This series, focuses on the rich literary tradition of the theater - its plays and playwrights, including such greats as Sophocles, Terence, William Shakespeare, and many more. See page 6.

GREAT IRISH AUTHORS
Home to acclaimed authors, including four Nobel Prize laureates, Ireland has given the world a rich body of literature. These Irish authors and others have changed the course of world literature. See page 7.

EISENHOWER’S SECRET WAR
Eisenhower’s path to presiden-cy and, how his national security policies and tactics kept a divided world at peace during the 1950s. Hosted by journalist and author Evan Thomas. See page 29.

This five part series features the directors that are making the mega-franchise blockbusters. Erick Avari showcases the great directors that have led the way to the supercharged Hollywood of the 21st Century. See page 12.

HOLLYWOOD’S GREATEST DIRECTORS
This series presents a chronolog-ical series of snapshots that highlights the achievements of the greatest directors and the genius of the system that turned filmmaking into a worldwide industry. See page 8.

GREAT AUTHORS OF THE BRITISH ISLES
This series introduces the extraordinary body of English literature with such authors as Chaucer, Shakespeare, Jane Austen, Charles Dickens, T. S. Eliot, J. K. Rowling and many more. See page 8.
REVIEWS

“This entire Shakespeare series ...is highly recommended for both school and public library literature collections.” - Booklist

“For many collections, the BBC Shakespeare series was among the earliest and most significant acquisitions. At Berkeley and many other institutions, the series has come to be regarded as the canon against which other Shakespeare performances on film are measured and compared. How amazing it is, then, to rediscover this resource on DVD, with wonderfully enhanced visuals and sound, and with the convenience of direct access to individual acts and segments. If the advent of DVD is the single most significant event in media librarianship in the past 30 years, the release of the BBC Shakespeare on DVD is certainly a close second.”
- Gary Handman, Director, Media Resources Center, UC Berkeley

PRODUCT INFORMATION

The number one selling video series for libraries and Literature classes in this country.

This collection has revolutionized the teaching of Shakespeare as the preeminent production of every Shakespeare play written, performances featured in these productions would otherwise be seen only by the theater elite, in London or New York.

When the BBC first undertook this six-year project, it became the most ambitious undertaking ever attempted on film. This was the first time in the 400 years since they were written that all 37 plays would be preserved on tape. Produced by Cedric Messina and Dr. Jonathan Miller, it includes performances by Britain’s most distinguished theatrical talent; Sir John Gielgud, Ben Kingsley, Claire Bloom, Helen Mirren, Anthony Hopkins, Michael York, Alan Richman, John Cleese and Derek Jacobi.

This series is offered exclusively through Ambrose Video Publishing. Take this opportunity to complete your set, or to purchase the entire set.

Features:

Entire 37 Play Collection $749.99
Single Play DVD: $ 39.99
Giftbox Sets of 5 Plays $99.99
(Choose from: Tragedy, Comedy, History or Tragedy II)
One of the amazing American sagas is the history of African-American Literature. It is a history of a literature that rose out of slavery, oppression and racism to become one of the great literary traditions in the world. Great African American Authors, an eight part series, brings to light the accomplishments of over 40 brilliant black writers, who, against all odds, wrote great novels, plays and poetry. These authors include Phillis Wheatley, James Weldon Johnson, Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, August Wilson, Rita Dove and many more. Their story is the story of America, the story that all Americans should know.

Program 1: 1761 - 1901
Born out of slavery and the African oral tradition, African American Authors gave voice to the struggles of black people in the early days of this nation.

Program 2: 1902 – 1924
The onset of the 20th Century gave rise to a new cadre of African American Authors, embodied in the great literary movement known as the Harlem Renaissance.

Program 3: 1925 – 1937
The Harlem Renaissance ended as America entered the Great Depression, but new black authors came to the forefront to contribute to the ever-growing body of African American Literature.

Program 4: 1938 – 1953
New Black literary genres challenge the racial inequalities of mainstream America, and the idea of “Black is beautiful” emerges.

Program 5: 1954 – 1967
With the Civil Rights Movement in full swing, racial tensions escalate in America. In response African American writers give rise to a new literary expression – Black Power.

Program 6: 1968 – 1982
African American Literature expands and diversifies into a wide array of styles and genres, but still takes on the growing cultural and economic divide between Whites and Blacks.

Program 7: 1982 – 1993
A Golden Age in African American Literature begins as black authors find new exciting ways to interpret their role in America.

Program 8: 1993 – Present
Black poets, playwrights and novelists bring their unique perspective into the 21st Century, and a new wave of writers come on to the scene.
A HISTORY of GREAT PLAYWRIGHTS

PRODUCT INFORMATION
From the beginnings of western democracy in ancient Greece, plays have been a part of the human experience, helping us understand ourselves and make sense of the world. This five part series, A History of Great Playwrights, hosted by William Ambrose, founder of Ambrose Video Publishing, focuses on the rich literary tradition of the theater – its plays and playwrights, including such greats as Sophocles, Terence, William Shakespeare, Molière, Henrik Ibsen, Eugene O’Neill, Bertolt Brecht, Tennessee Williams, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tom Stoppard. With their unique perspective of the world around them, these playwrights have added depth and meaning to the world’s great body of literature.

Program 1: Antiquity to the Renaissance
Program one examines the origins of plays and the earliest playwrights from ancient Greece to the Elizabethan Age.
456 BC - Sophocles and the Greek Playwrights
191 BC - Titus Maccius Plautus and the Roman Theater
1587 - Christopher Marlowe Writes Tamburlaine the Great
1594 - Shakespeare Pens Romeo and Juliet

Program 2: The Theater Responds to Industrialization
Program two investigates how playwrights all over Europe reacted to social change in the Age of Industrialization.
1598 - Ben Jonson Establishes a New Kind of Comedy
1662 - Molière’s The School for Wives Premieres in Paris
1867 - Henrik Ibsen Revitalizes the Theater with Peer Gynt
1888 - August Strindberg, Father of Naturalistic Drama
1895 - Oscar Wilde’s Masterpiece, The Importance of Being Earnest

Program 3: The Theater Turns Inward
As the Age of Industrialization reached its zenith in Europe and America, playwrights responded by delving into the depths of the human mind. Program three shows how European and American playwrights turned to psychology for inspiration.
1897 - Edmond Rostand Writes Cyrano de Bergerac
1904 - Anton Chekov’s Last Play, The Cherry Orchard, Premieres in Moscow
1913 - George Bernard Shaw’s Pygmalion
1920 - John Galsworthy’s The Skin Game is Performed
1920 - Eugene O’Neill Wins First Pulitzer Prize
1923 - Sean O’Casey Begins the Dublin Trilogy

Program 4: The Theater Responds to Modernism
This program examines how the epicenter of the theater and playwriting shifted to the United States, and how the musical became a major part of the theater.
1928 - Brecht’s The Threepenny Opera is Performed
1938 - Thornton Wilder Writes Our Town
1948 - Tennessee Williams Wins His First Pulitzer Prize for A Street Car Named Desire
1949 - Arthur Miller Produces Death of a Salesman
1949 - The Musical Comes of Age

Program 5: The Great Resurgence of the Theater
At the end of the 20th Century and the beginning of the 21st, change engulfed the world from social issues to the transmission of information. In Program five we’ll see how playwrights dealt with the psychological and social changes of the era.
1953 - Samuel Beckett’s Waiting for Godot Premieres
1954 - Brendan Behan’s The Quare Fellow Premieres in Dublin
1959 - Eugène Ionesco’s ‘Theater of the Absurd’

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GREAT IRISH AUTHORS

REVIEW

"Irish authors are celebrated in literary pub crawls, bronze statues, and landmarks in Ireland, according to host William Ambrose, who sets the historical stage in this sweeping introduction to "Ireland's greatest authors and their impact on world literature." The chronologically arranged three-program study begins with The Classics, which highlights the Celtic oral tradition in medieval Ireland before moving on to authors Jonathan Swift, Oliver Goldsmith, Oscar Wilde, and Bram Stoker. Next, Early 20th Century Authors introduces playwright George Bernard Shaw and poets and novelists William Butler Yeats, James Joyce, Sean O'Casey, and Liam O'Flaherty. The final program, The New Wave, showcases Samuel Beckett, Dame Iris Murdoch, and C. S. Lewis, among others, including Frank McCourt and Seamus Heaney. Costumed reenactments, contemporary footage, artifacts, maps, paintings, drawings, photographs, film clips, and excerpted readings enliven this survey. With short, well-captioned segments and fast pacing, this title is a good companion to Great Authors of the British Isles (also available from Ambrose) for students" - Booklist (Recommended)

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Home to acclaimed authors, including four Nobel Prize laureates, Ireland has given the world a rich body of literature. Great Irish Authors, hosted by Ambrose Video Publishing's founder William Ambrose, focuses on the great Irish tradition of storytelling, including the plays of Oscar Wilde, George Bernard Shaw, and Samuel Beckett; the satire of Jonathan Swift; the poetry of William Butler Yeats and Seamus Heaney; and the novels of James Joyce, Bram Stoker and Frank McCourt. These Irish authors and others have changed the course of world literature. Shot in HD in Ireland, this series presents a clear and penetrating historical analysis of Ireland's greatest authors and their impact on world literature.

Program 1: The Classics

Literacy came to Ireland in the 5th Century along with Christianity, and for the next two hundred years it was the repository of Christian writing and thought. Program one examines Irish literature from its beginnings in medieval Ireland, to its transition from Irish Gaelic to English, to the rich and brilliant words of Oscar Wilde and Bram Stoker.

- 5th Century AD - St. Patrick's Prayer
- 1726 - Gulliver's Travels, the First Great Irish Novel
- 1766 - Oliver Goldsmith Publishes The Vicar of Wakefield
- 1891 - Oscar Wilde's The Picture of Dorian Gray is Published
- 1897 - Bram Stoker Introduces Dracula to the World

Program 2: Early 20th Century Authors

In the first half of the 20th century, Irish character and identity became fully separate from their English-influenced past. Program two investigates how Ireland's turbulent early 20th century history also spawned a great Irish literary revival.

- 1913 - George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion is Performed
- 1916 - W.B. Yeats, Father of the Irish Literary Revival
- 1922 - James Joyce, Ulysses
- 1923 - Sean O'Casey Begins the Dublin Trilogy
- 1925 - Liam O'Flaherty Wins the James Tait Black Memorial Prize

Program 3: The New Wave

As World War II came and went, a new cadre of Irish authors emerged onto the world stage. Program three examines how they distinguished themselves in every literary genre, from children's literature to Nobel prize-winning novels, plays and poetry.

- 1941 - Brian O'Nolan Writes an Irish Language Novel
- 1953 - Samuel Beckett's Waiting for Godot Premieres
- 1954 - Dame Iris Murdoch Pens Under the Net
- 1954 - C.S. Lewis Completes The Chronicles of Narnia
- 1954 - Brendan Behan's The Quare Fellow Premieres in Dublin
- 1960 - Edna O'Brien Begins The Country Girls Trilogy
- 1997 - Frank McCourt Wins the Pulitzer Prize
- 2009 - Seamus Heaney Reads "Digging"
LITERATURE ARTS

NEW

GREAT AUTHORS of the BRITISH ISLES

REVIEW
“Hosted by actor Jonathan Cake, each of the half-hour segments incorporates a number of short profiles of writers, backed with illustrative artwork and photos (as well as some clips from film adaptations or excerpts from recordings of the authors reading from their work)...RECOMMENDED” -Video Librarian

PRODUCT INFORMATION
Presented by Jonathan Cake, As English spreads across the globe, becoming the language of the Internet, understanding the extraordinary body of British literature has become ever more vital in the 21st century. This eight part series, hosted by Jonathan Cake, addresses this need by bringing the audience from the dawn of England’s literary tradition through Chaucer to Shakespeare to William Wordsworth to Jane Austen to Charles Dickens to T. S. Eliot to J. K. Rawlings. The series focuses on over 60 major authors, their insights, themes and impact on history.

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• Shot in High Definition
• Instructor’s Guide
• Reading List
• Timeline
• Downloadable materials
• Series $199.99
• 8 programs on 4 DVDs
• Runtime: 240 minutes

Program 1: Beowulf to Shakespeare
Program 2: The Renaissance Writers
Program 3: Augustan and Romantic Poets
Program 4: Early Novelists
Program 5: Children’s Literature
Program 6: The Genre Innovators
Program 7: 20th Century Poets and Playwrights
Program 8: 20th Century Novelists

GREAT AMERICAN AUTHORS: Since 1650

REVIEW
“A useful, well-organized introduction to American literature to introduce or recap important literary periods and authors.” - Booklist

PRODUCT INFORMATION
Presented by Jane Kaczmarek, Great American Authors: Since 1650 denotes the rich, literary tradition of American storytelling...No country has produced a more impressive group of writers in a shorter period of time than America. It has been an incredible journey of finding the nation's voice, beginning with the first colonists in the 17th Century, to a small cadre of brilliant 19th Century New England writers who defined the unique American experience and soul, to the whole country speaking out in the 20th Century against war, poverty, racism and alienation.

Featuring such greats as Poe...Dickinson...Twain...Alcott...Hemingway...Wolfe...Steinbeck...Vonnegut and Morrison, this eight part series presents the lives and literary output of over 60 of America's most read authors.

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• Instructor’s Guide
• Timeline
• Downloadable materials
• Series $79.99
• 8 programs on 4 DVDs
• Runtime: 240 minutes

Program 1: 1650 - 1845
Program 2: 1846 - 1855
Program 3: 1856 - 1906
Program 4: 1907 - 1925
Program 5: 1926 - 1939
Program 6: 1940 - 1949
Program 7: 1950 - 1957
Program 8: 1958 to Present

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REVIEW
“Hughes has proven himself to be a wonderful teacher -- sharp, individualistic and clear. Agree or disagree, you will not be bored.” - NY Times

PRODUCT INFORMATION
Robert Hughes’ history of Modern Art from Cubism to Pop and the Avant-Garde.

The popular art history sequel to the BBC’s Civilization series, picks up at the threshold of the 20th century. It is written and presented by Robert Hughes, who was art critic and senior writer for Time magazine.

Hughes draws on a wealth of documentary materials from the archives of the BBC, containing rare footage and interviews with noted artists. The range of major figures includes Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Le Corbusier, Max Ernst, Francis Bacon and Jackson Pollock.

Volume 1: The Mechanical Paradise
Volume 2: The Powers That Be
Volume 3: The Landscape of Pleasure
Volume 4: Trouble in Utopia
Volume 5: The Threshold of Liberty
Volume 6: The View From the Edge
Volume 7: Culture as Nature
Volume 8: The Future That Was

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The HISTORY of WESTERN ART

REVIEW
“This survey of artistic accomplishments stretching from the medieval period to the Postimpressionist age features an abundance of paintings, varied location shots, and fast-paced voice-over narrations. Michelangelo, Da Vinci, Rembrandt, Rubens, David, Goya, and Cezanne are among the artists studied for their contributions to baroque, rococo, and other art styles and eras. Dozens of masterpieces -- including The Last Supper, Mona Lisa, The Conversion of St. Paul, and Blue Boy -- are explored and viewed...this series offers a worthwhile overview for both art aficionados and students.” - Booklist

PRODUCT INFORMATION
This series presents a unique and masterly survey of the greatest achievements in the history of art from the medieval era to the post-impressionist world. This authoritative and thought-provoking series employs powerful graphic images to entertain and inform the student and the art lover. Spectacular landscapes set the backdrop for the encompassing look at great moments in art history.

Program 1: Light in the Darkness
Program 2: A New Dream
Program 3: The Age of Splendor
Program 4: Reason and Enlightenment
Program 5: Passion and Revolution
Program 6: A New Vision

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**SHAKESPEARE ANIMATED TALES**

**REVIEW**

“Although the series will probably be used by senior high students who won’t want to read the play, these abridgments are better than Cliffs Notes, and may be the only Shakespeare that many kids will be exposed to in their early years. So while the lover of literature in me cringes at the lost scenes in the animated tales, the practical side of me is thankful that condensed (but not watered-down) Shakespeare will be available to a much wider audience. Highly recommended.” 3 1/2 STARS - Video Librarian

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

Already enjoyed in fifty countries, with two US Primetime Emmy Awards and a New York Festival Gold Award to its credit, Shakespeare - The Animated Tales has won a vast, new audience with its skillful, short adaptations of the Bard’s best loved plays. The series includes the voices of Huge Grant, Brian Cox, Alec McCowen, Linus Roache, Zoë Wanamaker, and many more...

- A Midsummer Night’s Dream
- As You Like It
- Hamlet
- Julius Caesar
- King Richard III
- Othello
- Romeo and Juliet
- Taming of the Shrew
- Macbeth
- The Tempest
- Twelfth Night
- The Winter’s Tale

**Features:**
- English Subtitled
- Series $79.99
- 12 Plays on 4 DVDs

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**ART of the NETHERLANDS**

**REVIEW**

“Excellent choices for high-school and college art students and public library patrons” - Booklist

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

These are the stories of men of genius whose work has captivated and thrilled generations of people all over the world. Art of The Netherlands is an authoritative new series which chronicles the life, times and work of true masters of the art world. Informative yet entertaining, the series of six programs highlights important events in each artist’s life and explores their stylistic trademarks, while providing detailed explanations of the techniques which sealed their reputations.

Program 1: **BOSCH**
Program 2: **BRUEGEL**
Program 3: **RUBENS**
Program 4: **VAN DYCK**
Program 5: **REMBRANDT**
Program 6: **VERMEER**

**Features:**
- Closed Captioned
- Instructor’s Guide
- Runtime 150 minutes
- Series $99.99
- 6 programs on 3 DVDs

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**BECKETT on FILM**

**REVIEW**

“compleists will salivate over the Gate Theatre of Dublin’s mammoth trove, which includes all of Beckett’s elliptical masterworks-from the familiar Waiting for Godot to the 45-second Breath-brought to life by filmmakers (Neil Jordan, Atom Egoyan, Anthony Minghella) and actors (Jeremy Irons, Alan Rickman, Julianne Moore) of unimpeachable skill.” –Entertainment Weekly

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

This acclaimed film project includes all 19 plays of Samuel Beckett, considered the most significant Irish playwright of the 20th century. See our website ambrosevideo.com for play information.

**Features:**
- 19 plays on 4 DVDs
- Series $149.99
PRODUCT INFORMATION

21st Century Hollywood is still the Mecca for filmmaking. The studios are still here. The glitz and the glamour are still here. But it is the genius of the American cinema, which has evolved with the times, that has made Hollywood great today. This five part series *The Great Directors: The Making of 21st Century Hollywood* features the directors that are making the mega-franchise blockbusters bankrolling the whole system; the directors of the small indie films winning Oscars; the directors behind the second Golden age of animation; the directors who have brought feature-length documentaries to the big screen; and the plethora of foreign directors that Hollywood has welcomed with open arms from all over the world. Host and veteran actor Erick Avari showcases the great directors that have led the way to the supercharged Hollywood of the 21st Century.

On camera experts/Professors of Film: Professor Ernesto Acevedo-Muñoz, PhD, Professor and Chair of Film Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder; Saul Austerlitz, Film Critic; Professor Maria Elena de las Carreras, PhD; Professor of Cinema, California State University, Northridge; Professor Dawn Fratini, Film Historian; Lawrence and Kristina Dodge, College of Film and Media Arts, Chapman University; Professor Annette Insdorf, PhD, Professor in the Graduate Film Program of Columbia University’s School of the Arts and Director of Undergraduate Film Studies; Professor Jonathan Kuntz, PhD, Professor of American Film History, Univ. of California, Los Angeles; Professor Jon Lewis, PhD, Professor of Film and Cultural Studies in Oregon State University’s School of Writing, Literature and Film; Professor Howie Movshovitz, Teacher of Film Studies, University of Colorado, Denver; Professor Richard Peña, Professor of Film Studies, Columbia University; Professor Jennifer Lynn Peterson, PhD, Professor of Film Studies, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder; Professor Dana Polan, PhD, Professor of Cinema Studies, NY University

**Program 1: The Summer Blockbuster**

In the 1970s Hollywood escaped slow financial ruin with the emergence of the summer Blockbuster from the genius of such directors as Francis Ford Coppola, Steven Spielberg and George Lucas. Program one shows how this idea not only redefined the business of Hollywood, but led to one of Hollywood's greatest financial marvels – the franchise.

**Program 2: The Independent Auteur**

While one half of Hollywood is the big budget action film, the other half is the socially and psychologically conscious Indie. From John Cassavetes to the Coen brothers, program two focuses on the independent auteur, the director as author of the "literature" of modern times.

**Program 3: Immigrant Filmmakers**

Hollywood has always attracted foreign directors with unique outsider perspective and filmmaking traditions, including film masters such as Otto Preminger, Billy Wilder, Alfred Hitchcock and Ang Lee. Program three presents the impact of immigrant directors not only on American cinema, but their judgment and portrayal of the American story.

**Program 4: Documentary and Experimental Film**

Program four centers on how, beginning in the 30s, directors made documentaries capturing exotic places, animals and people that blossomed into the megahit documentary features of the 21st Century, grossing hundreds of millions of dollars.

**Program 5: Animation**

Animation is as old as Hollywood itself. Program five traces the evolution of animation from the director of the first animation short, Winsor McCay, to the first animated feature, Walt Disney’s Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, to the second Golden Age of Animation led by CGI megahits from studios such as Pixar with its lead director, John Lasseter.
HOLLYWOOD'S GREATEST DIRECTORS

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Film studies have become the dominant educational tool for understanding and exploring the greater human condition. In this series, Hollywood’s Greatest Directors, some of the world’s best professors of film study bring to light the riveting story of how Hollywood and American directors have been the dominant force in creating the world’s newest art form, cinema. Hollywood’s Greatest Directors presents a chronological series of snapshots that highlights not only the achievements of the greatest directors but the story of the genius of the American system that turned filmmaking into a worldwide industry. At the same time, American directors, always on the cutting edge of social change, have brought new values and perspectives to the nation, telling us who we are as Americans and as people.

Hosted by Hollywood veteran Erick Avari, this five part series showcases how this fledgling art form, starting at the beginning of the 20th Century in Hollywood, has come to dominate a global industry while at the same time allowing extraordinary talent to rise to the top.

Program 1: The Silent Era

The art of making motion pictures arose in the Silent Era from 1895 – 1927. Program one examines the Silent Era’s most outstanding directors who created Hollywood and laid the foundation for the great American cinematic tradition.

Program 2: The Coming of Sound

When Warner Brothers Studios released The Jazz Singer, the first ‘talkie’, in 1927, it spelled the end of the Silent Era. Program two shows how sound revamped Hollywood, how filmmaking evolved into the ‘studio system’ and how the first wave of creative directors including Howard Hawks, George Cukor and Dorothy Arzner began shaping the art of cinema.

Program 3: The Golden Age of Hollywood

Program three discusses the Golden Age of American Cinema and how internationally acclaimed directors such as John Huston, John Ford and Frank Capra gave the world unparalleled films for over twenty years. It was also the time of American cinema’s transition from pure entertainment to social critique.

Program 4: The New Hollywood

In the 1950s with the arrival of television, the Studio System began a decade long decline that brought Hollywood to its knees. In program four, we’ll see how a new generation of great directors revitalized Hollywood and American Cinema, producing some of the greatest movies of all time. Educated in film schools, these directors understood the history and position of cinema as a social force.

Program 5: The Modern Era

Program five shows how in the 21st Century a new wave of American directors became known as the authors of their films. Hollywood had gone corporate, investing its money in action blockbusters and distributing what are called Indies, independent features that were bringing home the Oscars for best picture. In this program we focus on the most creative of these independent directors.

Features:
- Closed Captioned
- High-Definition
- Educators Guide
- Timeline
- Downloadable materials

5 Programs $199.99
Runtime: 29 minutes each
HUMAN GEOGRAPHY: Making Sense of Planet Earth

PRODUCT INFORMATION
In this exciting series, renowned human geographer Dr. Alexander B. Murphy shows us how geographical concepts and insights are reshaping how we understand the challenges of a planet that will soon play host to 10 billion inhabitants. Traveling the globe, Dr. Murphy demonstrates how seeing the world spatially is a key to surviving and prospering in the 21st century.

Portraying the Earth (Included in AP version only)
In the introductory program, Professor Alec Murphy lays the foundation for all of geography: mapping and other representations of planet Earth. The program presents the history of portraying the Earth from the earliest maps of ancient Greece, to topographic maps, to satellite representations, to the to 21st century computer-based GIS, Geographical Information Systems. The program includes a visit to the U.S. Geological Survey, the institution that has served as America’s center for mapmaking for the past 150 years.

The Tools of Human Geography (Included in both versions)
Program one introduces the techniques and tools human geographers have developed for understanding the ever-changing human landscape. Dr. Murphy utilizes leading experts in human geography to define the scope and importance of the subject.

Population Distribution and Migration (Included in both versions)
Human population, its location and concentration, is the fundamental factor in all cultural and economic development, past, present, and future. In this program, Dr. Murphy focuses on how population distribution has changed over time, and why.

Understanding Human Culture (Included in both versions)
Humans are among the most social animals on the planet. We need a shared system of language, beliefs, norms and values to survive and mature from birth to adulthood. In short, everybody needs a culture. In this program, Dr. Murphy shows us how geography helps us make sense of the diverse cultural and religious landscape.

Political Boundaries (Included in both versions)
One of the most important subjects in human geography is the relationship between political power, people, and space or territory. Dr. Murphy guides us through the understanding of how political power has evolved and moved across the landscape. This understanding is one of the keys to confronting social and economic challenges.

Agriculture and Rural Land Use (Included in both versions)
As the human population has grown to over 7 billion people, nothing has had to change more than the geography of agriculture. Incredibly, over 40 percent of the Earth’s land is now given over to agriculture. In this program, Dr. Murphy takes the viewer through the geography of the first, second, and green agricultural revolutions.

Industrialization and Economic Development (Included in both versions)
Economic growth, wealth creation, outsourcing, economic inequality, resource distribution, and the uneven penetration of the global economy are all phenomena that have a strong geographic base. Dr. Murphy reviews how human geography can help make sense of the economic world.

Cities and Urban Land Use (Included in both versions)
In the 21st century, more than half of humanity lives in urban areas. We are becoming a world of cities—many of them global cities. Where are cities located, how are they organized, and what are they like is the topic of this program. Making sense of this great diversity in urban landscapes is one of human geography’s major jobs.

Confronting Future Challenges (Included in both versions)
The planet’s surface is being reorganized and reshaped at a scale never before seen. The cause of this change is human activity itself. Not only is the physical landscape changing but so too is the human landscape. PEOPLE, RESOURCES, ENERGY, CAPITAL, and INFORMATION are moving from place to place at an ever-accelerating rate. Seeing the world spatially is a key to making sense of what lies ahead.
PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY: Making Sense of Planet Earth

REVIEW
"This eight-title, four-disc series, hosted by Alexander B. Murphy, "explores the dramatic discoveries of the forces shaping planet Earth" and explains the role of physical geography in the twenty-first century and beyond...the presented information is detailed, informative, accurate, and solidly paced. Color resolution and sound balance are high...Recommended" - Booklist

PRODUCT INFORMATION
Physical Geography: Making Sense of Planet Earth is an eight part HD series that explores the dramatic discoveries of the forces shaping planet Earth and provides a blueprint for understanding how place and process combined to shape every aspect of the planet’s physical and cultural landscape. Host Dr. Alexander B. Murphy opens the door to a whole new way of seeing and dynamic processes. Then he defines the three types of regions: formal, functional, and collo-quiet.

Program 1: Inventing the Tools of Geography
In this program Dr. Murphy presents an historical narrative of the principles that form the foundation of geography. These include the three laws of geology, the importance of scale and the origins of the two great branches of geography: physical and human.

Program 2: Portraying the Earth
Alexander focuses on the history of portraying the Earth from the earliest maps of ancient Greece, to the 21st century computer-based GIS, Geographical Information System. The program includes a visit to the U.S. Geological Survey, the institution that has served as America’s center for mapmaking for the past 150 years.

Program 3: Landforms
Landforms range in size from the continents themselves to the river valleys that most cities have developed around. In this program Alec Murphy categorizes and defines the major landforms found on the planet, including vast mountain ranges and narrow canyons.

Program 4: The Ever Changing Planet
Our planet is ever-changing. Earth's landforms are constantly being created and destroyed on timescales ranging from days to tens of millions of years. In this program Alec Murphy walks you through the forces shaping and destroying the planet's many landforms.

Program 5: Layering the Planet
Geography has found that Earth is organized into a sequence of spheres: the inner core, the crust or lithosphere a soil layer, known as the pedosphere, the hydrosphere, the atmosphere and biosphere. Alec Murphy shows how they are all interconnected in one dynamic system.

Program 6: Geographical Regions
In this program Alec Murphy shows how the planet is divided into physiographic regions, each with internal

Program 7: Physical Geographic Influences on the Development of Human Societies
One of the great debates in geography has been: ‘How much does place or physical geography determine human development - cultural and economic?’ Using historical examples and present-day case histories, Alec Murphy guides you through both sides of the argument known as environmental determinism. Featured are leading geographical thinkers.

Program 8: Human Impacts on the Natural Environment
Human beings have become a geographical force. In the 21st century human beings each year bring more change to the surface of the planet than all the natural forces combined. In this final program Alec Murphy presents an intriguing history of how this came to be and what the future holds for the planet and the 7 billion people living on its surface.

Features:
- Closed Captioned
- Shot in High-Definition
- Instructor’s Guide
- Maps & graphs
- 8 programs on 4 DVDs
- Series: $ 199.99

Hosted by Dr. Alexander B. Murphy. Dr. Murphy is a renowned geographer and chair of the National Academy of Science’s study “Strategic Directions for the Geographical Sciences.”
James Burke's CONNECTIONS

**REVIEW**

“This is another superb example of the genius of James Burke, whose Connections Series has rightly garnered all sorts of awards...This journey will introduce the student to the famous as well as the obscure. This film is a wonderful intellectual romp...”

- The American Film and Video Review

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

As the Sherlock Holmes of science, James Burke tracks through 12,000 years of history for the clues that lead us to eight great life changing inventions—the atom bomb, telecommunications, the computer, the production line, jet aircraft, plastics, rocketry and television. Burke postulates that such changes occur in response to factors he calls "triggers," some of them seemingly unrelated. These have their own triggering effects, causing change in totally unrelated fields as well. And so the connections begin...

The scope of the series covers 19 countries and 150 locations, requiring over 14 months of filming.

**PROGRAMS:**

- The Trigger Effect
- Death in the Morning
- Distant Voices
- Faith in Numbers
- The Wheel of Fortune
- Thunder in the Skies
- The Long Chain
- Eat, Drink and Be Merry
- Countdown
- Tomorrow and You

**THE ASCENT OF MAN**

**REVIEW**

“this 13-title series withstands the test of time and is an excellent resource for high school and college students.” - Booklist

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

An American Film Festival Award winner, this 13 volume series attempts a massive survey of science, from flint tools to the theory of relativity. The series, a co-production of the BBC and Time-Life Films was made as a science counterpart to "Civilization". It is given superb technical support, with two crews using innovative filming techniques, shooting in 27 countries. Dr. Jacob Bronowski makes for an unorthodox narrator, his non-scripted delivery ranging from hushed awe to trembling passion. He uses the crawling infant, the performing athlete, the development of the hunt and the discovery of fire to illustrate the most distinctive feature of man: imagination. His Scientific-Humanism is often spectacular, always provocative.

**PROGRAMS:**

Volume 1: Lower Than Angels
Volume 2: Harvest of the Seasons
Volume 3: Grain In The Stone
Volume 4: The Hidden Structure
Volume 5: Music of the Spheres
Volume 6: Starry Messenger
Volume 7: Majestic Clockwork
Volume 8: Drive for Power
Volume 9: Ladder of Creation
Volume 10: World Within World
Volume 11: Knowledge or Certainty
Volume 12: Generation Upon Generation
Volume 13: Long Childhood

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Human Body: THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

PRODUCT INFORMATION
There is nothing like it in the universe - the human brain. It is a biological structure that has reshaped the planet. It is faster than any man-made computer, and it has become aware of itself. The human nervous system starts with the brain, extends down to the spinal cord, and connects to every part of the body through a vast network of fibers known as the peripheral nervous system. At the heart of this system is the neuron, a specialized cell that carries electrical impulses along neural pathways. Join world renowned surgeon Dr. Mark Reisman as he reveals the complex anatomy of the human brain and guides you through the miraculous functioning of the human nervous system.

Chapters
• Evolution of the Brain
• The Three Components of the Nervous System
• Brain Anatomy
• Primitive Brain
• Brain Waves
• Nervous System Diseases
• Spinal Cord Anatomy
• Conclusion

Hosted by Dr. Mark Reisman

Human Body: THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

PRODUCT INFORMATION
At the center of the human cardiovascular system is the heart. The human heart is a muscular organ that is a bioengineering marvel. It works flawlessly, 24/7, throughout the lifetime of each individual. See how it delivers blood, a truly miracle substance, to all parts of the human body through a vast network of arteries and veins. Each component of the cardiovascular system’s physiology and anatomy is shown in vivid detail by world renowned surgeon Dr. Mark Reisman.

Chapters
• Arteries and Veins
• The Heart
• Blood
• Cardiovascular Anatomy

The MYSTERIOUS HUMAN HEART

REVIEW
“Filmed in high-definition and originally broadcast on PBS, filmmaker David Grubin’s informative three-part series combines interviews with medical experts and computer-generated structure and function, and real-life stories of everyday people facing conditions...A valuable primer on an important subject, this is high-

As Seen on Public Television

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• Subtitles: Spanish
• Shot in HD
• Instructor’s Guide
• DVD: $49.99
• Runtime: 29 minutes

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• Runtime: 29 minutes

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• Subtitles: Spanish
• 5.1 Surround Sound
• Filmed in HD
• Series (3 DVDs): $39.99
• Runtime: 180 minutes

DISCONTINUED
PRODUCT INFORMATION

Breathing brings oxygen, found in the air we live in, into a unique set of organs called the lungs. Deep inside the lungs, that oxygen is transferred into the blood system and is used to power all of our muscles, including the muscles that produce breathing. Join world renowned surgeon Dr. Mark Reisman as he takes you first through the structures of the air passageway, the anatomy and physiology of the lungs themselves, and finally reveals the mechanism of the incredible gas exchange between the respiratory and cardiovascular systems. Then, Dr. Reisman explains the many human respiratory disorders.

Chapters
- Breathing
- Air Passageway
- Respiratory Structures
- Gas Exchange
- Exhalation
- Respiratory Disease
- Conclusion

Features:
- Closed Captioned
- Subtitles: Spanish
- Shot in High-Definition
- Instructor’s Guide
- DVD: $49.99
- Runtime: 29 minutes

Human Body: THE DIGESTIVE AND RENAL SYSTEMS

PRODUCT INFORMATION

The human body needs to take in food and water found in the environment, and through an almost miraculous sequence of mechanical and chemical processes, it converts that food into nutrients that sustain all the body’s activities. The digestive tract alone has nine major organs devoted to this process and the renal tract three. Join world-renowned surgeon Dr. Mark Reisman as he provides you with a unique look at the anatomy and physiology of the many organs and structures of digestion. Lastly, discover the properties of metabolism and nutrition.

Chapters
- Introduction
- Food and the Bioweb of Energy
- Digestive Organs
- Food Processes and the Upper Digestive Tract
- Lower Digestive Tract
- Internal Disorders
- Anatomy and Physiology of the Liver, Gall Bladder and Pancreas
- Renal System
- Nutrition

Features:
- Closed Captioned
- Subtitles: Spanish
- Shot in High-Definition
- Instructor’s Guide
- DVD: $49.99
- Runtime: 29 minutes

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Human Body: THE SENSORY SYSTEM

PRODUCT INFORMATION
Touch, taste, smell, hearing and sight - the human body’s five major senses. They are senses that have evolved independently over millions of years but are brought together by our marvelous central nervous system into the most refined way of interacting with the environment of any species on the planet. Join Dr. Mark Reisman as he provides you with a unique look at the anatomy and physiology of each of these sensory systems and shows how the brain uses them to produce what we call being human.

Chapters
- Evolution of the Senses
- Touch and Skin
- Smell
- Taste
- Hearing
- Sight
- Conclusion

Human Body: THE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

REVIEW
“classes studying human anatomy will find this series useful in providing information about basic anatomy, physiology, chemistry, and mechanics of the various body systems. Heart surgeon Dr. Mark Reisman describes the anatomy and function of each body system through live-action video, photos, medical imaging, and realistic 3-D animation. The evolutionary development of each body system is also discussed. Cadaver dissections are used to point out structures and organs associated with each system…”

- School Library Journal

PRODUCT INFORMATION
Of the body’s major systems only the reproductive organs and structures are different in men and women. There is no greater miracle on the planet than the creation of a new life. Join Dr. Mark Reisman as he takes you through each stage of this miracle, from the genetic basis of life, to the development of sex organs, to the formation of sex cells, to conception, to the emergence of the embryo, to the growth sequence of the fetus, and finally to the birth of a new human life.

Chapters
- Evolution of Sex
- Genetics
- Morphogenics and Pregnancy
- Female Reproductive Organs
- Male Reproductive Organs
- Human Mating
- Female Puberty
- Male Puberty
- Sex

Features:
- Closed Captioned
- Subtitles: Spanish
- Shot in High-Definition
- Instructor’s Guide
- DVD: $49.99
- Runtime: 29 minutes
Human Body: THE SKELETAL SYSTEM

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Shot in HD using the latest in 3-D graphics, medical imaging and cadaver specimens, see the human body’s skeletal system revealed in ways never seen before.

The 206 bones of the human skeleton are a miracle of bioengineering. Lightweight and incredibly strong, our bones give us the ability to walk upright, freeing our hands for precise manipulation of objects. See how the skeleton anchors the muscles and protects our essential organs: the heart, lungs and brain. And learn how the bones themselves are chemical factories producing our red blood cells. Join world-renowned surgeon Dr. Mark Reisman as he guides you through the physiology, anatomy and diseases of the skeletal system.

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• High-Definition
• DVD: $49.99
• Runtime: 29 minutes

Chapters:
• Introduction
• Spine
• Bones
• Bone Composition
• Protective Function of Bone
• Pelvis Anatomy
• Skull
• Bone Joints
• Cartilage
• Bone Diseases
• The Living Bone
• Conclusion

Human Body: THE MUSCULAR SYSTEM

PRODUCT INFORMATION

The muscular system is the most intriguing of the body’s structures. It is the system we have the most control over. Using a simple principle of physics, the lever principle, our muscles are able to move our skeleton around, allowing us to perform simple tasks of facial communication, refined finger movements and the graceful actions of the elite athlete. Also, understand the unique characteristics of the body’s most important muscle - the heart. Join renowned surgeon Dr. Mark Reisman as he guides you through the anatomy and physiology of the human body’s many muscles, tendons and ligaments.

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• High-Definition
• DVD: $49.99
• Runtime: 29 minutes

Chapters:
• Introduction
• Lever Principle
• Muscle and Bone Anatomy
• Muscle Chemistry
• How Muscles Work
• Muscle Disease
• Muscles and Exercise
• Muscular Anatomy and Physiology
• Tendons, Ligaments and Fascia
• Knee Anatomy
• Involuntary Muscles
• Conclusion

TRIUMPH OF THE NERDS

REVIEW

“Bob Cringley hosts this terrific three-part video history of the computer industry. More than a pedestrian history of the industry, this compelling program contains animated segments, promotional clips, archival footage, and intriguingly honest interviews with wealthy industry nerds (Gates, Wozniak, Jobs, etc.). With computers such a pervasive presence in society, this fascinating set holds wide appeal even for computer illiterates.” - Booklist

PRODUCT INFORMATION

It happened more or less by accident; the people who made it happen were amateurs; and for the most part they still are. From his own Silicon Valley garage, author Bob Cringely puts PC big shots and nerds on the spot, and tells their incredible true stories. Like the industry itself, the series is informative, funny and brash.

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• Instructor’s Guide
• Series: $29.99
• 3 programs on 1 DVD
• Runtime: 150 minutes

Programs:
• IMPRESSING THEIR FRIENDS
• RIDING THE BEAR
• GREAT ARTISTS STEAL
MIRACLE PLANET

REVIEWS
“Named as one of the “TOP 10 Environmental DVDS” February 2008 Booklist
“A Co-production of the National Film Board of Canada and NHK Japan, the beautiful high-definition filmed Miracle Planet-ably narrated by Christopher Plummer -- traces the Earth's evolution over 4.5 billion years, from its birth as a planet (about one-tenth its present size) to the emergence of Homo sapiens roughly 200,000 years ago….. What's most impressive here, however, are not the individual speculations (which are admittedly fascinating), but the series' success in integrating such a wide range of disparate ideas into an absolutely compelling prehistoric narrative, one that sheds considerable light on the extraordinary inner workings of our amazingly resilient miracle planet. Highly recommended.” 3 ½ Stars - Video Librarian

PRODUCT INFORMATION
The Miracle Planet is a five-part series that recounts the profound and gripping story of Earth's mysterious evolution. Over its more than 4-billion-year history, Earth has been home to repeated violent climactic changes, which have caused mass extinctions. And yet, life has survived. In fact, these same catastrophes that devastated life on Earth also helped bring about its evolution from the simplest microbes to the complexity and diversity that is found on the planet today. Filmed in High Definition this series features location footage, interviews with the world's foremost scientists and cutting-edge computer technology.

Program 1: The Violent Past
The planet Earth was born out of chaos and disaster - and completely by chance. This episode transports us to this breathtaking genesis. Featuring astounding high-definition visuals and interviews with pre-eminent scientists in the field, The Violent Past reveals the startling earliest history of life on Earth - its microscopic manifestations and the unimaginable challenges to its survival.

Program 2: Snowball Earth
Program 2 of Miracle Planet takes us back more than two billion years, to this first ice age that gripped the Earth for what scientists believe was millions of years. Snowball Earth reveals the startling secrets of how life survived this devastating cold and how this extreme climate shift forever changed the development of life on Earth.

Program 3: New Frontiers
For billions of years, life existed only in the Earth's oceans. But about 350 million years ago, some of those earliest life forms began to explore New Frontiers on land. They could breathe oxygen from the air and were able to support their weight on land. And over the next hundred million years, these life forms would spread across the globe. Program 3 of Miracle Planet recreates the remarkable adaptation of these animals that first came ashore and reveals the fascinating theories of how and why they did.

Program 4: Extinction & Rebirth
There was a moment in Earth's history, about 250 million years ago, when all life nearly disappeared from the planet. Scientists now believe the cause was an eruption of the Earth's molten core that triggered global climate change. The resulting drop in oxygen levels allowed dinosaurs to rise to supremacy because of their respiratory systems. Program 4 of Miracle Planet follows these gargantuan creatures through life and death and chronicles the early rise of the mammal as the dominant creature on the planet.

Program 5: Survival of the Fittest
This episode walks us down the incredible evolutionary pathway that has brought humans to their dominant position on the planet and openly questions our role in the future development of life on earth.

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REVIEWS
"The relationship between emotional and physical well-being is intriguingly explored in this extraordinary series ... which seeks to understand the force of the human mind in healing." - Booklist

PRODUCT INFORMATION
Ancient medical science told us our minds and bodies are one. So did philosophers of old. Now modern science and new research are helping us to understand these connections. In Healing and the Mind, Bill Moyers talks with physicians, scientists, therapists, and patients -- people who are taking a new look at the meaning of sickness and health. In a five part series of fascinating and provocative interviews, he discusses their search for answers to perplexing questions: How do emotions translate into chemicals in our bodies? How do thoughts and feelings influence health? How can we collaborate with our bodies to encourage healing?

With the incisive style that has made Bill Moyers' skills as an Interviewer legendary and the dynamic interplay of the many patients and professionals interviewed, Healing and the Mind is a documentary series destined to influence how millions think about sickness and health.

Programs:
Wounded Healers
Commonweal, a retreat for people with cancer who help one another heal even when a cure is impossible.

Mystery of Chi
Moyers explores therapies based on balancing yin and yang, and a phenomenon called Chi. Methods studied include acupuncture, massage and herbal techniques.

Mind Body Connection
On the frontier of scientific research, a look at how the nervous and immune systems are linked, experiments in biofeedback and the role of emotions in health.

Art of Healing
How hospitals across America are responding to clinical evidence that caring makes patients feel better, and get better.

Healing From Within
Two therapies that don't involve drugs or surgery: Eastern meditation and Western group psychotherapy.

Bill Moyers is one of America's foremost journalists. He has received numerous rewards including: Gold Baton, the highest honor of the Alfred I. duPont Columbia University Award, PEN USA Courageous Advocacy Award, Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts by the American Film Institute, more than 30 Emmys, Career Achievement Award from the International Documentary Association and has been honored by the Television Critics Association for outstanding career achievement. He was elected to the Television Hall of Fame in 1995 and a year later received the Charles Frankel Prize (now the National Humanities Medal) from the National Endowment for the Humanities "for outstanding contributions to American cultural life."
REVIEW

“This informative documentary warns us not to take the ready availability of water for granted. The film begins with a visual and factual exploration of watersheds and drainage basins before hydrologists, engineers, physicists, and environmental scientists discuss how natural water flow is diverted, explain ways that cities acquire and treat water, talk about wastewater disposal, and provide other information about water supplies and shortages. Colorful maps and close-up and panoramic shots of national watersheds lend support to experts' arguments that changing climate, aging and poorly planned hydrologic infrastructure, extended draining of aquifers, increased water usage in desert locations, and other practices resulted in drought conditions in various states... Extras include extended interviews and an option for Spanish subtitles. Educators' guide available online.” - Booklist

PRODUCT INFORMATION

The greatest impacts from climate change will not be warmer temperatures but water shortages. Learn how America's water infrastructure is incapable of handling these changes. There exist solutions that will make us rethink everything from how we use water, to where we live, to who owns water.

Every drop of water that flows through America's rivers or is stored in our lakes and reservoirs is spoken for. Now, America is over-drafting its water supply. How did it come to this? The answers lie in America's outdated water infrastructure, an inflexible water storage system, greater demand from an increasing population and the impacts of global warming. In When the Water Tap Runs Dry, we will look at these issues and provide essential solutions based on a new vision of America's water infrastructure, and customized water rights agreements. If the water crisis is not addressed, the water tap will run dry for many Americans.

Chapters:
• Water Shortages
• Water Supplies
• Water Infrastructure
• Global Warming and Water Shortages
• Water Shortage Solutions

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• Subtitles: Spanish
• Shot in High-Definition
• Maps
• Timeline
• Instructor’s Guide
• Blackline Master Quiz
• Extended Interviews
• DVD: $49.99
• Runtime: 40 minutes

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GLOBAL WARMING: Science & Solutions 2 programs on 2 DVDs —Series $ 79.99
GLOBAL WARMING: The Rising Storm 2 programs on 2 DVDs —Series $ 79.99
MIRACLE PLANET 5 programs on 5 DVDs —Series $69.99
GLACIERS & ICE CAPS —Single DVD $49.99
PRODUCT INFORMATION

Starting with temperature records collected over 100 years ago, *Measuring the Earth's Temperature* takes the viewer from the earliest weather stations and balloon launches, to a network of super weather stations constructed in the 21st century. Highlights include showing how weather balloon launches work, the anatomy of a weather station, and how weather data, using computers, is transformed into long and short term weather forecasts. This very same data is also used to graph yearly temperature changes across the planet. The over 100 year old temperature records reveal an ever increasing global temperature rise. A rise that is dramatically accelerating in the 21st century. A rise that shows regional differences. Temperatures in the Mid-Latitudes, and particularly in the Polar Regions, have increased even faster than the overall global temperature, producing the well-publicized effects of climate change. Measuring the Earth's Temperature simplifies the centuries of complex meteorological data, and answers the question "How do scientists know the temperature of the earth?"

**Features:**
- Closed Captioned
- Subtitles: Spanish
- Shot in High-Definition
- Instructor’s Guide
- DVD: $ 49.99
- Runtime: 29 minutes

**Chapters:**
- The Earth's Atmosphere
- History of Temperature Data Collection
- How the Earth's Temperature is Measured
- Super Weather Stations
- Graphing the Earth's Temperature over Time
- Regional Temperature Differences
- The Role of Temperature Data in Climate Change Models

**Additional Earth Science Programs—As Seen on Public Television**

**CORE GEOLOGY**
“Recommended”
- American Association for the Advancement of Science
—Single DVD $ 49.99

**CORE METEOROLOGY**
“school science and ecology classes will benefit from this series.” —SLJ
3 programs on 3 DVDs
Single DVD $ 49.99
—Set of 3 DVDs $ 99.99

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST**
SHOT IN HIGH DEFINITION
3 programs on 3 DVDs
—Series $ 99.99

**CALIFORNIA**
“a superior choice for middle and high school students.” —SLJ
5 programs on 5 DVDs
—Series $ 149.99

**GLACIERS**
“aligns with National Science Education Standards, among others...A very useful addition” —SLJ
—Single DVD $ 49.99
"In filmmaker Tim Usborne’s entertaining three-part BBC-aired documentary, nuclear physicist and university professor Jim Al-Khalili chronicles the development of atomic science, which is presented as the foundational underpinning of physics, chemistry, and biology...this inspiring documentary is highly recommended."

- Video Librarian  3 1/2 stars

PRODUCT INFORMATION

The discovery that everything is made of atoms is the greatest scientific find ever. How the vast variety and richness of everything we see around us is built up and how it fits together comes down to atoms and the mysterious laws they obey.

As scientists studied the atom they had to abandon everything they believed in and create a whole new science. A science that today underpins the whole of physics, chemistry, biology and maybe even life itself.

Program 1: Clash of Titans

The first of three programs in which nuclear physicist and host, Professor Jim Al-Khalili, tells the story of the greatest scientific discovery ever - the discovery that everything is made of atoms. As scientists delved deep into the atom, into the very heart of matter, they unraveled nature's most shocking secrets. They had to abandon everything they believed in and create a whole new science, which today underpins the whole of physics, chemistry, biology and maybe even life itself. 'Atom' tells a story of great geniuses, people like Albert Einstein and Werner Heisenberg who were driven by their thirst for knowledge and glory. It's a story of false starts and conflicts, ambition and revelation, a story which leads us through some of the most exciting and exhilarating ideas ever conceived of by the human race.

Program 2: Key to the Cosmos

This is the second of Professor Jim Al-Khalili's three part investigation into the basic building block of our universe - the atom. He shows that in our quest to understand the tiny atom, we unraveled the mystery of how the entire universe was created. It's a story with dramatic twists and turns, taking in world-changing discoveries like radioactivity, the Atom Bomb and the Big Bang. All this forms part of an epic narrative in which the greatest brains of the 20th century competed to answer the biggest questions of all - why are we here and how were we made?

Program 3: Illusion of Reality

The last of Professor Jim Al-Khalili's three part series in which he tells the story of the greatest scientific discovery ever - the discovery that everything is made of atoms. In this film he explores how studying the atom forced us to rethink the nature of reality itself. He encounters ideas that seem like they're from science fiction but in fact are a central part of modern science. He discovers there might be parallel universes in which different versions of us exist and finds out that empty space isn't empty at all, but seething with activity. The world we think we know, the solid, reassuring world of our senses, turns out to be a tiny sliver of an infinitely weirder and more wonderful universe than we have ever conceived of in our wildest fantasies.

Features:

- Closed Captioned
- Subtitles: Spanish
- Instructor’s Guide
- Series: $ 99.99
- 3 programs on 3 DVDs
- Runtime: 180 minutes

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• Animal Sciences
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Features:
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• Spanish Subtitles
• Program Extras

4 programs on 4 DVDs
Individual $ 49.99
Series of 4 DVDs $ 129.99
Series runtime: 120 minutes

CORE METEOROLOGY

Programs:
• Atmosphere
• Weather
• Climate

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• Spanish Subtitles
• Program Extras

3 programs on 3 DVDs
Individual $ 49.99
Series of 3 DVDs $ 99.99
Series runtime: 90 minutes

CORE PHYSICS

Programs:
• Modern Physics
• Classical Physics

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• Spanish Subtitles
• Program Extras

2 programs on 2 DVDs
Individual $ 49.99
Series of 2 DVDs $ 79.99
Series runtime: 60 minutes

Turning Points in the PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Features:
• English Subtitled
• Spanish Subtitled

5 programs on 5 DVD
Series: $ 129.99
Runtime: 135 minutes

James Burke’s CONNECTIONS 1

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• Digitally Remastered

10 programs on 5 DVDs
Series: $ 99.99
Runtime: 500 minutes

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CORE CHEMISTRY

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• Spanish Subtitles
• Program Extras

Single DVD $ 49.99
Runtime: 30 minutes
ANCIENT HISTORY

REVIEW
“Recommended” - 3 Stars - Video Librarian

PRODUCT INFORMATION
Globe Trekker's Zay Harding hosts this new look at the planet's ancient civilizations...civilizations that left behind remarkable ruins. Because they were ancient, originally archaeologists often viewed them as primitive and embroiled in war...Now we see them in a new light...In terms of accomplishments and unique variations on complex social organizations. This eleven part series is shot in stunning Hi Definition, the civilizations of Greece, the Incas, the Romans, the Anasazi and the Ancient Britons, are presented in this new light.

♦ America's Prehistoric Civilizations: The Mound Builders
The history of the 3000 year Native American tradition that culminated with the construction of cities rivaling any on the planet when Columbus landed in the New World.

♦ Ancient Britain: Stonehenge to Celtic Iron Age Hill Forts
Follow the 7000 year evolution of Ancient Britain's people.

♦ Ancient Pueblo People: The Anasazi
They stand today much as their builders left them 500 years ago. How the Anasazi became so successful is one of the great mysteries of ancient history.

♦ Greek Accomplishments
Greek thinkers laid the foundation for architecture, painting, sculpture, history, philosophy, medicine, literature, zoology, botany, mathematics, astronomy, theater, and finally, the western scientific methodology.

♦ The Greek City-State and Democracy
During the Golden Age of the Greek City States (2500 years ago), the ancient Greeks gave to the world the ideas of democracy, liberty, freedom of speech and the pursuit of truth for truth's sake.

♦ The Incas
Six hundred years ago, the Inca people, located in present day Peru, forged an empire equal to that of the Greeks and Romans.

♦ The Maya
They were the world's first environmental farmers, creating a thriving agricultural society on poor land through advanced farming techniques and a profound sensitivity to their environment.

ANCIENT HISTORY
ROME REEXAMINED

PRODUCT INFORMATION
This series (shot in High Definition) brings a new perspective to growth and development in Ancient Rome, it's unique accomplishments (nurtured via a merit driven leadership system), the birth and decline of the Republic and the incredible developments in architecture, empire building and culture. Maps, teacher's guides, a slide show highlighting the Roman Ruins and Museums. Join Zay Harding on this tour through Ancient Rome.

♦ The Rise of the Roman Republic
♦ Military Triumphs and the Death of the Roman Republic
♦ The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire
♦ The Splendor of Imperial Rome

Features:
- Closed Captioned
- Spanish Subtitles
- 7 programs on 7 DVDs
- Each DVD $49.99
- Runtime: approx. 29 minutes each program
- Instructor’s Guides
- Maps
- Documents, etc.

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CIVILIZATION
IS THE WEST HISTORY?

REVIEWS
STARRED REVIEW! - BOOKLIST May 2012

“Provocative and lavishly illustrated with dramatic re-creations, artwork, and location footage, backed by Ferguson's engaging narration...Highly recommended.
Aud:H,C,P.”  3 1/2 Stars - Video Librarian

PRODUCT INFORMATION

The West once ruled more than half the world. The religion it exported, Christianity, is still followed by a third of mankind. Above all, the way people live - or aspire to live - is unmistakably an invention of the West. All over the world, more and more humans eat a Western diet, wear Western clothes and live in Western housing. But are we living through the beginning of the end of the West's ascendancy? In this remarkable series, Niall Ferguson explains how by juxtaposing the West and 'the Rest', we can uncover the keys - the six killer applications - of Western ascendancy: the real explanation of how, for roughly five centuries, a clear minority of mankind managed to secure the lion's share of the Earth's resources. Intelligent, entertaining, educational and visually stunning, Civilization will do more for the public understanding of world history than any series since the original BBC program of the same name by Kenneth Clark.

Written and presented by Niall Ferguson.

Program 1: Competition
Colonial expansion and economic innovation were stifled by a monolithic empire in China at a time when political division in Europe bred competition. Now the tables are turning.

Program 2: Science
Why was it that the Islamic world failed to participate in the Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment? And how far can the West maintain its scientific lead today?

Program 3: Property
Why did North America succeed where South America lagged behind? Could it be that North and South are converging today, linguistically as well as economically.

Program 4: Medicine
The development of modern medicine made it possible to export Western Civilization to the “Dark Continent.” But Europe’s empires failed in their mission to “civilize” Africa, exposing the most violent side of Western dominance.

Program 5: Consumerism
Most of the world’s people embraced the Western way of shopping and dressing. Only the Muslim world has resisted. Can the burka hold out against the big global brands?

Program 6: Work
The West is in danger of losing confidence in itself. With the decline of Western beliefs, what has happened to Christianity and the Protestant work ethic?

Did you know?

This series sets history firmly in the present, relying on parallels between our own time and the past. Although there is an underlying chronology linking the six programs, each program deals with a specific theme and is therefore capable of standing alone. Viewed in succession, they add up to a concise but comprehensive history of the world from 1400 to present.

Niall Ferguson, MA, D.Phil., is Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University and William Ziegler Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School. He is also a Senior Research Fellow at Jesus College, Oxford University, and a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University.
**REVIEW**

“Anyone having second thoughts about wading into Oxford Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch’s New York Times bestselling doorstop (nearly 1,200 pages) A History of Christianity will be delighted (and perhaps relieved) to discover this six-hour BBC adaptation filmed in high-definition and amiably hosted by the author himself as he follows the path of Christianity through the ages and around the globe... An enlightening and often entertaining survey that mixes trenchant observation with beautiful on-location footage shot in some of the world’s most luminous places of worship, A History of Christianity is highly recommended.” - Video Librarian

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

A History of Christianity, a six-part series is presented by Diarmaid MacCulloch, one of the world’s leading historians and Professor of History of the Church at St. Cross College Oxford. MacCulloch’s books about Cranmer and the Reformation have been acclaimed as masterpieces. A History Of Christianity will reveal the true origins of Christianity. Intelligent, thought-provoking and magisterial in its scope the series will uncover how a small Jewish sect that preached humility became one of the most far-reaching and abiding religions in the world. Most Christian histories start with St Paul’s mission to Rome, but Diarmaid MacCulloch argues that the first Christianity stayed much closer to its Middle-Eastern roots. He describes not only the main ideas and personalities of Christian history, but how it has influenced politics, sex, and human society.

The series encompasses studies of Christianity in 1st-century Palestine, India in the 3rd century, Damascus to China in the seventh century and San Francisco to Korea in the twentieth century. He presents the development of Christian history differently from any of his predecessors. He shows how, after a semblance of unity in its earliest centuries, the Christian church divided during the next 1400 years into three increasingly distanced parts: he observes that at the end of the first eight centuries of Christian history, Baghdad might have seemed a more likely capital for worldwide Christianity than Rome. This is the first truly global history of Christianity.

**Features:**
- Closed Captioned
- Subtitles: Spanish
- Series $79.99
- 6 programs on 6 DVDs
- Runtime: 360 minutes

**Programs:**
- Program 1: The First Christianity
- Program 2: Catholicism: The Unpredictable Rise of Rome
- Program 3: Orthodoxy: From Empire to Empire
- Program 4: Reformation: The Individual Before God
- Program 5: Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion
- Program 6: God in the Dock

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**THE LONG SEARCH**

**American Film Festival Winner**

**REVIEW**

“THE LONG SEARCH is a brilliant series that realizes the potential of television to be at once highly intelligent, thought-provoking, and beautifully creative!” - Media & Methods

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

This series has served as the basis of successful religious philosophy courses around the world. An American Film Festival Red Ribbon winner, the series gives a balanced treatment of a force that is sadly neglected in most educations, the basic beliefs of the major religions in the world today.

Ronald Eyre takes the viewer on a pilgrimage beginning in London and spanning 150,000 miles including India, Japan, Israel, Rumania, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, The United States, Egypt, and South Africa.

**Features:**
- Series: $ 99.99
- 13 programs on 5 DVDs
- Runtime: 676 minutes
EISENHOWER'S SECRET WAR

REVIEW
"Eisenhower's Secret War' explodes the widely-held belief that our 34th President acted as a national ‘caretaker,’ one who spend much of his time playing golf in Augusta, Georgia. Perhaps most significant, it reveals that Eisenhower authorized and, with a few trusted advisors, saw executed a technical revolution in overhead intelligence collection. Within a span of eight years they opened the Soviet Union and Communist China. Indeed the entire world, to American scrutiny. That revolution ensured that the Cold War stayed ‘cold.’ No subsequent president has contributed as much to our national security.”
-R. Cargill Hall, Chief Historian, Emeritus National Reconnaissance Office

PRODUCT INFORMATION
This series examines Dwight D. Eisenhower's unwavering commitment -- both public and covert -- to peaceful co-existence with the Soviet Union in the tumultuous and uneasy Cold War years. Based on recent research by established scholars and writers, the two-part documentary series provides a fresh understanding of Eisenhower's path to the presidency and, as president, how his national security policies and tactics kept a divided world at peace during the 1950s. Hosted by journalist and author Evan Thomas.

Program 1: The Lure of the Presidency
The first hour chronicles Eisenhower's fulfillment of his election promise to end the Korean War, after more than 33,000 military deaths. It also follows the grassroots movement to draft Eisenhower as the Republican candidate for president; Eisenhower's decision to leave his powerful position at NATO; his fight for the Republican Party's nomination against "neo-isolationist" Sen. Robert Taft; his campaign against Democrat Adlai Stevenson; and finally, his election as the 34th president.

Program 2: Building Bombs, Talking Peace
The second hour recounts President Eisenhower's diplomatic confrontations against the Soviet Union during the early Cold War years, crises prompted by aggressive Kremlin-sponsored action around the world. It also documents his attempts to keep the peace while establishing a clear military superiority for the U.S. During this time, he also faced intense scrutiny domestically, with his political opponents criticizing him for not divulging information about the strength of the U.S. military or the weaknesses of the Soviet Union's nuclear arsenal.

REVIEW
“Important events of the 'transformational' first decade of the 21st century are examined. Political, military, social, scientific, and business events are covered, including the contested presidential election of 2000, the September 11th attacks, the Iraqi war, steroid use in sports, Hurricane Katrina, illegal immigration, the iPod, social networking sites, the Human Genome Project, and more. The three to five segments in each program explain the highlighted event, place it into historical context, and analyze its immediate impact and lasting significance... This set will help students better understand how recent events continue to influence policy debates and how revolutionary (and recent) the technology they take for granted really is." - School Library Journal

PRODUCT INFORMATION
21st Century Turning Points in U.S. History (2000-2009) examines the most significant events in America since the turn of the century: our nation under attack on her own soil, a natural disaster destroying one of her major cities, Americans facing the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression, and the nation's infrastructure - roads, water systems and electrical grids - deteriorating. It is also a decade of hope. The country elected its first African American President, the Internet connected people in ways unimaginable just ten years ago, and mapping the human genome gives the promise of a brighter, healthier future.

Program 1: 2000 - 2001
The first two years of the decade brought about the George W. Bush presidency, a presidency that was defined by September 11th 2001, the first attack on American mainland since the War of 1812. 2001 was also the year that began the second digital revolution.
• 2000 - America Has a Contested Presidency
• 2001 - 9/11
• 2001 - Apple Computer Debuts the iPod

Program 2: 2002 - 2004
The years between 2002 and 2004 ushered in America's first pre-emptive war, saw the human genome project jump start the biotech revolution and Google monetize the Internet.
• 2003 - Gulf War II
• 2003 - Human Genome Project Completed
• 2004 - Google Redefines the Internet

The middle years of the first decade of the 21st century were a time of great social change, as America's failing infrastructure was exposed, performance enhancing drugs damaged sports; illegal immigrants made up as much as a tenth of the population; and the Internet redefined how people connect with each other.
• 2005 - Hurricane Katrina Exposes America's Failing Infrastructure
• 2005 - Congress Investigates Performance Enhancing Drugs in Sports
• 2005 - Blogging and YouTube Challenge Traditional Media
• 2006 - Virtual Social Networking: Facebook, MySpace and Twitter
• 2007 - Illegal Immigration Hits 11 Million

Program 4: 2007- 2009
Finally, America understood the consequences of global warming; a sea change occurred when it elected a Black president, but in the end, it faced disaster when the sub-prime mortgage debacle almost brought the financial system to its knees.
• 2007 - Al Gore Wins Nobel Peace Prize for Work on Climate Change
• 2008 - Barack Obama Wins Presidency
• 2009 - America Responds to a Deep Recession

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PRODUCT INFORMATION
Actress Mare Winningham narrates this chronicle of extraordinary Jewish American achievement. It is a saga that in the 21st century has seen the achievements of Jewish Americans blossom in fields as diverse as the Internet to government. The recent successes of these extraordinary Americans are built upon the shoulders of giants who for more than three centuries have contributed amazing achievements to the story of America - so many that the list would be endless. It is a unique history of greatness, service to country, humanitarianism, and love of education.

Program 1: The Jewish Settlers Come to America
Program 2: Jewish Americans Spread Out Across the Country
Program 3: Jewish Americans Succeed in All Walks of American Life
Program 4: A Golden Age for Jewish Americans
Program 5: Jewish Americans and World War II
Program 6: The Flowering of Jewish Americans
Program 7: Jewish Americans Enter Mainstream American Culture
Program 8: The New Jewish American

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• Subtitles: Spanish
• Shot in High-Definition
• Maps, Timeline
• Quizzes & more
• Instructor’s Guide
• Series $79.99
• 8 programs on 4 DVDs

A HISTORY of JEWISH AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT

REVIEW
“This series examines the little-known story of Chinese-American achievement, integrating information about these individuals into the larger context of American history, and emphasizing their contributions to American society and culture… Visuals include period art, photos, newsreels, and contemporary footage. This series celebrates the contributions of Chinese immigrants and their descendants and the influence of Chinese Americans today, and is a good choice” - School Library Journal

PRODUCT INFORMATION
Join host Archie Kao as he shares the incredible story of Chinese American Achievement, from the first wave of immigrants in California’s gold fields to the entrepreneurs of the 21st century’s Information Age. It is a spellbinding account of accomplishment… Jerry Yang and the creation of Yahoo… Amy Tan’s fascinating novels of Chinese American life… Yo Yo Ma’s acclaimed cello performances… And more than 40 additional stories of Chinese American achievers who have helped shaped America as a leader in the 21st century.

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• Subtitles: Spanish
• Instructor’s Guide
• Series $79.99
• 8 programs on 4 DVDs
• Runtime: 240 minutes

Other Minority History Studies Programs Available

American Indian Achievement
8 programs on 4 DVDs
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Black American Achievement
8 programs on 4 DVDs
—Series $ 79.99

Slavery & the American Women Achievement
4 programs on 4 DVDs
—Series $ 59.99

Hispanic American Achievement
8 programs on 4 DVDs
—Series $ 79.99

American Women Achievement
8 programs on 4 DVDs
—Series $ 79.99

A HISTORY of CHINESE AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT

DISCONTINUED
HISTORY / MINORITY STUDIES

A HISTORY of BLACK ACHIEVEMENT IN AMERICA

FEATURES:
- Closed Captioned
- Subtitles: Spanish
- Shot in High-Definition
- Maps, Timeline
- Quizzes & more
- Instructor’s Guide
- Series $ 79.99
- 8 programs on 4 DVDs
- Runtime: 229 minutes

REVIEW
"A History of Black Achievement in America is an outstanding eight-part series that brings much-needed balance, highlighting the exemplary contribution of African Americans to the U.S. society and culture...with excellent narration by actor James Avery (the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air). Filling important historical gaps, the programs...are organized in independent segments, making them ideal for classroom use. Highly recommended. Editor’s Choice." - 4 STARS, Video Librarian

PRODUCT INFORMATION
This original series documents Black Achievement and its defining role in the growth of America, and its influence on current events. Presented by James Avery, the series highlights the many contributions of Black Americans that have influenced our culture, enriched our society with their achievements, and shaped the history of the United States.

Programs:
- Program 1: Settling the New World & Founding the United States
- Program 2: Emergence of the Black Hero
- Program 3: The Fight for Freedom
- Program 4: Blacks Enter the Gilded Age
- Program 5: The Foundation for Equality
- Program 6: Depression and War
- Program 7: Civil Rights
- Program 8: A New Age

SLAVERY and the MAKING OF AMERICA

FEATURES:
- Closed Captioned
- Spanish Subtitled
- Downloadable documents
- Series $59.99
- 4 programs on 4 DVDs
- Runtime: 240 minutes

REVIEWS
"Slavery and the Making of America’...the most powerful and important television work on the subject since ‘Roots’..." - 4 STARS, DAILY NEWS
"deftly balances strong personal stories with insights into the horrible symbiotic relationship between Northern growth and Southern slavery ... while also casting key historical events in a new light...this is recommended." - BOOKLIST

PRODUCT INFORMATION
SLAVERY AND THE MAKING OF AMERICA is a landmark, four-part series that examines the history of slavery in the United States and the integral role it played in shaping the new country’s development.

As factually represented in this series, American slavery evolved from a loosely defined labor system which provided

Volume 1: THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL
Volume 2: LIBERTY IN THE AIR
Volume 3: SEEDS OF DESTRUCTION
Volume 4: THE CHALLENGE OF FREEDOM

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RAILROADS IN U.S. HISTORY (1830-2010)

REVIEW
“Hosted by actor Gregory Wagrowski, this four-volume series reminds viewers that the introduction of railroads signaled a revolutionary socioeconomic change... Combining informative narration, illustrative stills, archival footage, and helpful graphics ... Highly recommended.” - Video Librarian

PRODUCT INFORMATION
This series offers a fresh perspective on how railroads created and shaped America's financial institutions, America's singular brand of capitalism and its unique way of doing business. The growth of American railroads from 1830 to 1930 is identical with the growth of the nation into the premier industrial power in the world. It is a colorful story that examines the roles and contributions of Johns Hopkins, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jay Gould and E.H. Harriman. It is a story that begins a new era in the 21st century with Warren Buffett and his purchase of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

Programs & Chapters:
Program 1: Railroads Come to America (1830 - 1840)
In 1830, America was an agrarian nation slowly inching its way west across the continent, but that was about to change spectacularly with the introduction of the steam locomotive and railroads.

Chapters:
• The Birth of the Steam Locomotive
• It All Begins: The Baltimore and Ohio
• The Steam Engine

Program 2: The First Great Railroad Boom (1841 - 1860)
By 1840 the railroad building boom was on and all of America was gripped by railroad fever and the expectation railroads offered to become a leading industrial power.

Chapters:
• America's Brand of Capitalism Emerges from Railroad Fever
• Railroads Become Big Business
• America's First Wave of Rail Lines

Program 3: A New Era in American Railroading (1861 - 1870)
During the Civil War Railroads dramatically changed the way war was waged forever. But even more significantly for America, President Abraham Lincoln set the course for railroads to place the nation on the path to greatness as a world power.

Chapters:
• President Lincoln's Railroad
• Railroads and the Civil War
• Depots, Pullman Cars and Airbrakes
• The Transcontinental Railroad

Program 4: The Second Great Railroad Boom (1871 - 2010)
The Gilded Age, an era of great wealth and vast power, was driven by the railroad industry. It was also a period when the Federal government finally decided to step off the sidelines and help direct the nation's economy by controlling the railroads.

Chapters:
• The Railroads Move West
• The Railroad Robber Barons
• The Federal Government Steps In
• Consolidation and the Diesel Engine
• America's Railroads Today

Features:
• Closed Captioned
• Subtitles: Spanish
• Instructor’s Guide
• Blackline Master Quizzes
• Timeline
• Maps
• Gallery of Images
• Series $ 49.99
• 4 programs on 4 DVDs
• Runtime: 120 minutes

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Join Jordan Murphy as he takes you on a journey to eleven spectacular National Monuments throughout America’s Pacific Northwest. The Geologic West is a priceless voyage from the dawn of history to the present. Explore prehistoric America and its treasure trove of fossils in Wyoming, Idaho and Oregon. Unearth riches that show the spectacular and fiery geologic past of the Pacific Northwest. See human history unfold from the California Indian Wars, to the conservation movement of the late 19th century, to the heartbreak of Japanese American internment during WWII, to the amazing taming of the Snake River in Idaho for agriculture. It is a stunning trip ... An adventure never to be forgotten.

Features:
- Closed Captioned
- Language: English
- Subtitles: Spanish
- Shot in High-Definition
- Series $ 129.99
- 4 programs on 4 DVDs
- Runtime: 151 minutes

Programs & Chapters:

**Fossil Treasures of the Pacific Northwest**
National Monuments Featured on this program:
- **Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument** - Home of the ancestor of modern horses
- **Fossil Butte National Monument** - The world’s greatest fossil site with millions of specimens
- **John Day Fossil Beds National Monument** - 10,000 square miles spanning 40 million years of ancient life

**The Pacific Northwest's Ring of Fire**
National Monuments featured in this program:
- **Pinnacles National Monument** - Home to the California condor
- **Craters of the Moon National Monument** - The ghostly splendor of desolation and geology is revealed in its spectacular black lava
- **Devils Postpile National Monument** - Tells the story of Sierra Nevada Mountain Range

**The Historic Pacific Northwest**
National Monuments featured in this program:
- **Lava Beds National Monument** - Ancient volcanic history mixes with America's Indian wars
- **Muir Woods National Monument** - Honors the origins of America's Conservation and Preservation Movements
- **Minidoka Internment National Monument** - Tells the shameful story of the internment of loyal Japanese Americans in WWII

**The Great Biodiversity of the Pacific Northwest**
National Monuments featured in this program:
- **Cabrillo National Monument** - An amazing story of marine and terrestrial bio-diversity
- **Oregon Caves National Monument** - Spectacular cave geology is combined with the diversity of plants and animals to tell a unique story of the Pacific Northwest.

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Other America’s National Monument Series Available:

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4 DVDs—Series $ 129.99

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FIRST AMENDMENT in the 21st Century

PRODUCT INFORMATION

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” These are the sacred words of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution...Words that have secured our freedoms...our democracy and our unique way of self-governing among the many nations of the world. Today, in the 21st century, their importance to all we as a free society hold dear, has never been greater. In The First Amendment in the 21st Century series we’ll examine eight First Amendment cases decided by the United States Supreme Court...Cases that will guide us in the understanding of how the First Amendment is still securing our liberties in the technologically rich and rapidly changing world we live in.

Programs:

- 2002—Zelman v. Simmons-Harris: The School Voucher Case
- 2003—United States v. American Library Association: The Internet Filtering Case
- 2005—Van Orden v. Perry and McCreary County v. ACLU of Kentucky: The 10 Commandments Cases
- 2006—Garcetti v. Ceballos: The Whistleblower Case
- 2010—United States v. Stevens: The Dog Fighting Case

Presented by: David Hudson, Esq.

David Hudson is a First Amendment Scholar and is author and co-author of many books on the subject including: The Rehnquist Court: Understanding Its Impact and Legacy, The Handy Supreme Court Answer Book, The first Amendment in Schools: A Guide from the First Amendment Center, Rights of Students (Point/Counterpoint).....
A History of CIVIL RIGHTS in America

**REVIEW**
“Hosted by Tim Johnson, this eight-part series serves up a broad examination of the evolution of American civil rights through archival footage and photos, maps, readings, patriotic music, and scenes with re-enactors/extras in period and contemporary dress... Offering a succinct, informative, and interesting overview, this is recommended.” - Video Librarian * * * (3 Stars)

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**
A History of Civil Rights in America offers a comprehensive historical overview detailing the expansion of civil rights to include more people. The series takes you through the development of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the 13th and 14th Amendments, civil rights legislation, court decisions as well as examining fearless civil rights leaders like Rosa Parks, Cesar Chavez, Thurgood Marshall, and Martin Luther King, Jr. From the past to the present, this eight part series takes the viewer through one of the most powerful forces in American History; the promise of civil rights for all.

| Program One | 1774 - 1833 |
| Program Two | 1834 - 1868 |
| Program Three | 1869 - 1916 |
| Program Four | 1917 - 1926 |
| Program Five | 1927 - 1961 |
| Program Six | 1962 - 1965 |
| Program Seven | 1965 - 1993 |
| Program Eight | 1994 - 2010 |

A History of EQUAL RIGHTS in America

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**
A History of Equal Rights in America recounts the significant advances and the ongoing effort to gain a clear and permanent guarantee of privileges for women and all economically disadvantaged groups. From the right to own property, to the formation of labor unions, women's suffrage, consumer rights, equal pay, Title IX and the Disabilities Act. This series includes key historical individuals such as: Susan B. Anthony, Horace Mann, Mary Lyon, Juana Briones, Betty Friedan, Madeleine Albright and more.

| Program One | 1772 - 1837 |
| Program Two | 1837 - 1862 |
| Program Three | 1863 - 1902 |
| Program Four | 1903 - 1935 |
| Program Five | 1936 - 1963 |
| Program Six | 1964 - 1970 |
| Program Seven | 1971 - 1973 |
| Program Eight | 1973 - 2011 |

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A HISTORY of the U.S. CONSTITUTION

REVIEW
"A comprehensive introduction for students." - Booklist

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Program 3: Love’s Labors

An exploration of the fascinating period between six months and three years, when almost every day brings startling evidence of rapid maturation in brain and body—improved coordination, increased mobility, the acquisition of language and an emerging sense of self.

Program 4: In the Land of the Giants

This program features three- to five-year-olds learning the social and psychological intricacies of family life. Observer Urie Bronfenbrenner characterizes the family as "the most efficient means for making human beings human." As the wider world affects the family, the family in turn teaches children how to view and cope with that wider world as they increasingly interact with it at day care and school.

Program 5: Life’s Lessons

Between the ages of five and seven, children enter a new and distinctive stage of development called middle childhood, marked by the phenomenon known as ‘the 5 -7 shift’ This change is demonstrated by new abilities and behaviors as children move away from the intimacy of home and family to enter the wider arena of school and work.

Program 6: Among Equals

This program explores the importance of peer relationships as a crucial component of development. Peers provide a context for working out moral dilemmas, social relationships and for developing a strong self identity. At this age children often participate in youth groups and team sports—games that sometimes become rehearsals for life.

Program 7: The House of Tomorrow

The Childhood journey concludes with a look at the many emotional and physical transformations that characterize puberty and adolescence. This program shows how that biological metamorphosis—when boys and girls become men and women—is marked in various cultures.