

FRENCH FILMS ON DVD

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Title		Shop Location		Classification	Story/comment
		Colour	Genre		
Comedies					
"Après-vous"	Comedy/ 2003	Silver	Foreign	M	It tells the story of Antoine (Daniel Auteuil), a restaurant headwaiter, who takes a shortcut through a park one night and spots a young man named Louis (Garcia) attempting to kill himself. He saves him and tries to give him back the will to live. With Daniel Auteuil and Jose Garcia.
"A pain in the ass"	Comedy/ 2009	Green	Foreign	M	An unlikely friendship develops between a hitman and a suicidal man who separately, have checked into the same hotel...
"Asterix: Mission Cleopatra"	Comedy/ 2002	Blue	Comedy	M	Cleopatra wants to prove to Caesar that her people are the best builders in the world. The Egyptian architect asks for the help of the Gaul druid Getafix who asks Asterix and Obelix to accompany him to Egypt...with Depardieu, Clavier, Jamel Delbouze, Monica Bellucci, Alain Chabat etc... Hilarious. The best of the three Asterix movies.
"Hey, good looking "	Comedy 2008	Green	Foreign	M	The story of four inseparable women friends who meet regularly for frank discussions about their men, marriage, children and life.
"I do"	Comedy/ 2007	Silver	Foreign	M	Luis (Alain Chabat) is ludicrously doted upon by his mother and five sisters. They cook for him, do his laundry and organise his life. At 40-something years of age, he is completely spoilt, and it is decided that Luis - or 'Pipou' as they call him - must find a wife ...With Charlotte Gainsbourg, Alain Chabat
"Just Visiting"	Comedy/ 2000		Comedy		About a medieval knight and his serf who travel to 21st century Chicago, meeting the knight's descendant. With Jean Reno, Christian Clavier and Christina Aplegate. Directed by Jean-Marie Poirier (American remake of the french movie "Les Visiteurs")
"Mic-Macs"	Comedy /2009		New weekly		Avid movie-watcher and video store clerk Bazil has had his life all but ruined by weapons of war. His father was killed by a landmine in Morocco and one fateful night a stray bullet from a nearby shootout embeds itself in his skull, leaving him on the verge of instantaneous death. Losing his job and his home, Bazil wanders the streets until he meets Slammer, a pardoned convict who introduces him to a band of eccentric junkyard dealers including Calculator, a math expert and statistician, Buster, a record-holder in human cannonball feats, Tiny Pete, an artistic craftsman of automatons, and Elastic Girl, a sassy contortionist. When chance reveals to Bazil the two weapons manufacturers responsible for building the instruments of his destruction, he constructs a complex scheme for revenge that his newfound family is all too happy to help set in motion
"My friends, my loves"	Comedy/ 2009		Foreign	M15+	Two French single fathers decide to raise their children together in London...with Vincent Lindon and Virginie Ledoyen
"My Wife is an Actress"					Starring Charlotte Gainsbourg, Yvan Attal and Terence Stamp, , is a warm and intensely involving comedy about male insecurity and jealousy. An official selection at the Toronto Film

					Festival 2001
“Orchestra seats”	Comedy/ 2006	Silver	Foreign	M	The film shows the life of Jessica who moved from her small Burgundian town of Mâcon to Paris to start a new life, inspired by her grandmother, Madame Roux, who "always loved luxury". In Paris, she initially has trouble finding work, and spends one evening without shelter. She eventually gets a job waitressing in a small café, the Bar des Théâtres in the Rue Montaigne where all the big names of fashions have their shops... with Cecile de France
“OSS 117: Cairo, Nest of Spies”	Comedy/ Parody		Foreign	M	The film follows the exploits of a French secret agent, OSS 117, in Cairo in 1955. It is a parody of the spy film genre.
“Priceless”	Comedy/ 2006	Green	Foreign	M	We follow the love story between Jean (Gad Elmaleh), a shy waiter at a luxury hotel who pretends to be a millionaire to awakens the interest of Irène (Audrey Tautou), an adventurer who makes wealthy men pay for her bills.
“The Singer”			Foreign		The love story between an ageing weeding singer and a young woman.. with Gerard Depardieu and Cecile de France
“The story of my life”	Comedy/ 2006	Green	Foreign	M15+	When a public figure publishes a book about their life, it's often Raphael who has written it. When he starts to prepare the autobiography of a French football star, Raphael discovers his first love Claire, is currently living with the footballer...with Edouard Baer
“The Valet”	Comedy/ 2006	Green	Foreign	M	The screenplay focuses on a parking valet who is enlisted to impersonate the lover of a famous fashion model in order to deflect attention from her relationship with a married businessman.directed by Francis Weber , with Daniel Auteuil, Dany Boon and Gad Elmaleh
“Twice upon a time”	Comedy/ 2008	Red	Foreign	M	Alice d'Abanville, an immensely famous London stage actress, and Louis Ruinard, a cult French film director were the most strikingly glamorous couple of the '70s. But this legendary pair hasn't seen each other in 30 years since their abrupt, incomprehensible separation. Alice doesn't want to see Louis again. Louis is captivated by her all over again. What do you do with the great love of your life 30 years later when you no longer have anything in common? With Charlotte Rampling and Jean Rochefort
“Welcome to the sticks”	Comedy/ 2008	Green	Foreign	M	The story of a French southerner who, on orders from his company, moves to the Nord Pas de Calais region of France, and has difficulty adapting to the polar differences between the north and south. Directed by Dany Boon with Kad Merad and Dany Boon.
Crime/Thriller					
“Anthony Zimmer”	Thriller/ Romance 2005		Foreign	MA	The title character of the film is a genius career criminal, Anthony Zimmer, who is wanted by police around the world. Zimmer is an elusive character, and no known description is available. A standout detective, Akerman (Sami Frey), is ahead of others in race to catch the criminal mastermind. Akerman knows that Zimmer will risk everything to see a young woman, Chiara (Sophie Marceau)....
"Chaos"		Silver	Foreign	MA	Contrary to her husband, Hélène, an average middle-class housewife devotes herself to help an French-Algerian prostitute, Malika, who seeks to escape from her abusers.

"Crime Spree"	Crime-comedy/ 2003	Gold	Action	M15+	A gang of French burglars are assigned by their boss to rob a private house which has lots of jewellery in Chicago, United States. The burglars are actually not very smart in action...with Gerard Depardieu, Johnny Halliday, Renaud and Harvey Keitel
"Crimson Rivers I and II"	Thriller	I (green) II (gold)	Thriller	MA	Follow a renown Detective Superintendent as he tries to solve brutal murders ... adapted from books by Jean-Christophe Grange. with Jean Reno and Vincent Cassel
"Harry: he is here to help"					
Taxi	Comedy/ police	Silver	Foreign	M	1 st of the Taxi series. Tells the story of friendship between a frustrated race taxi driver and a policeman that cannot drive in Marseilles
"Tais-toi"	Crime-comedy/ 2003	Red	Foreign	M15+	Quentin, a dim-witted small-time thief and Ruby, henchman of a crime lord are forced to join forces when they escape from prison together and Ruby seeks revenge on the crime lord who killed his own wife who was also Ruby's lover. Directed by Francis Weber with Jean Reno and Gérard Depardieu
"Tell no one"	Thriller/ 2008	Silver	Foreign	MA	Alex Beck (François Cluzet) is a doctor who has slowly been putting his life back together after his wife Margot (Marie-Josée Croze) was murdered by a serial killer. Eight years on, Alex is doing well enough until he finds himself implicated in the murder of two people..directed by Guillaume Canet
"36, Quai des Orfèvres"	Crime	Silver	Foreign	MA	36 Quai des Orfèvres's title refers to the address of police headquarters in Paris The movie deals with the down and dirty politics at Paris police headquarters that lead to extremely dark places. With Gerard Depardieu and Daniel Auteuil
« Roman de gare »	Crime	Silver	Foreign	M	A good Lelouch with great actors : Fanny Ardant and Dominique Pinon. A popular novelist researches unlikely sources to find characters for her next bestseller
"The Ax"	Crime/co medy	Silver	Foreign	M	Based on Donald E Westlake's novel "The Grifters", this film tells the story of a fantasy world that could soon become modern reality. The hero is a man trying to do the right thing who finds he has no choice but to take the wrong path With Jose Garcia
"Wasabi"	Comedy/ 2001	White	Thriller	M15+	A french inspector of police, on paid leave because of his controversial behaviour is summoned to Japan for the reading of the will of his one true love, a Japanese lady he'd met in japan nineteen years previously ... directed by Gérard Krawczyk, written and produced by Luc Besson and starring Jean Reno, Michel Muller and Ryoko Hirosue
Finally Sunday	Comedy/ police 1983	Silver	Foreign	PG	A black and white movie by Francois Truffaut with Fanny Ardant and Jean-Paul Trintignant. Claude Massoulier is murdered while hunting at the same place as Julien Vercel (Jean-Louis Trintignant), an estate agent who knew him and whose fingerprints are found on Massoulier's car. As the police discovers that Marie-Christine Vercel (Caroline Sihol), Julien's wife, was Massoulier's mistress, Julien is the prime suspect. But his secretary, Barbara Becker (Fanny Ardant), while not quite convinced he is innocent, defends him and leads her private investigations.

OTHER GENRES

"Amélie"	Fantasy/ /comedy				M15+ with Audrey Tautou
"Au petit Marguery"		Silver	Foreign	M15+	Several friends and family of the restaurateur meet at the restaurant "Au petit Marguery" for its final day
"A Very Long Engagement "	Drama	Green	Foreign	MA	very moving film set in WW I trenches for the most part: enduring love-story During World War 1, Mathilde, a 19 year old Frenchwoman refuses to believe that her fiancé was killed in the trenches of the Somme and spends the rest of the war trying to track him down. Margaret: 4 * David: 3.5 *
"Big Blue"	Drama/ro mantic				From Luc Besson a classic The film charts the competition and friendship of real-life champions Jacques Mayol (played by Barr) and Enzo Maiorca (renamed in the film to "Enzo Molinari", and played by Reno). However the divers were not close in age in real life (four years apart) and did not compete. The action is divided into two timelines - the nascent rivalry between the two divers as children, and (as adults) their final competition at the world free-diving championships at the Sicilian town of Taormina . Mayol's search for love, family, "wholeness" and the meaning of life and death is a strong undercurrent of the latter timeline.
"Blue"					MA+ with Juliette Binoche
"Bon Voyage"					M15+ with Gerard Depardieu, Isabelle Adjani. Set in WW2 , Several people are trying to escape the german invasion including some people from the government, an actress , a group of the resistance and several robbers.
"Children of the Marshland"		Blue		PG	A chronicle of a group of friends in rural France in 1918. Garris and Riton live in Marais, a quiet region along the banks of Loire river. Riton is afflicted with a bad-tempered wife and three unruly children. Garris lives alone with his recollections of World War I trenches. Their daily life consists of seasonal work and visits from their two pals: Tane, the local train conductor and Amédée, a dreamer and voracious reader of classics. Meanwhile, Garris is overwhelmed by an unspoken love for a housemaid in the town, Marie...
"City of the lost Children"	Drama/ Fantasy 1995	Silver	Foreign	M15+	The movie revolves around a plot by the mad scientist Krank (Daniel Emilfork), who kidnaps children to steal their dreams. Among them is the little brother of carnival strongman One (Ron Perlman), who sets out to rescue him with the help of a young, orphaned, thieves' guild member named Miette (Judith Vittet).
"Delicatessen"	Drama/ Fantasy 1991			M15+	is a 1991 French black comedy film, directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro, starring Dominique Pinon and Karin Viard. It is set in a post-apocalyptic apartment building in a France of an ambiguous time period. The story focuses on the tenants of the apartment building and their desperate bids to survive. Among these characters is a newly arrived tenant, who arrives to replace a tenant whose reason for departure is initially unclear. The butcher, Clapet, is the leader of the group which strives to keep control and balance in the apartment building.by the producers of <i>Amélie</i>
"Happenstance"	Fantasy/dr	Red	Foreign	PG	with Audrey Tautou. Life the way it happens ."les hazards de

	ama/come dy				l'existence=happenstance”
“Hunting and Gathering”	Romantic comedy/ 2007	Orange	Comedy	M15+	based on the writer Anna Gavalda's 2004 novel <i>Ensemble, c'est tout</i> . It was directed by Claude Berri, who also wrote the screenplay, and stars Audrey Tautou and Guillaume Canet as two loners that find each other
"Le bonheur est dans le pré"		Red	Foreign	M	
"Life is a miracle"					M15+
" Love me if you dare"	Fantasy/dr ama/come dy	Green	Foreign	M15+	The film tells the story of Julien and his friend, Sophie, daughter of Polish immigrants from childhood to adulthood as their friendship and amorous curiosity grow as they exchange a tin carousel when one of them completes a dare. With Guillaume Canet and Marion Cotillard
" Monsieur Batignole"				M15+	set in the days of WW II
“The child and the fox”	2007			PG	The story of the friendship between a fox and a child in the Massif Central in France
"The apartment"				M15 +	Vincent Cassel-Monica Bellucci
"The Housekeeper"		Blue	Foreign	M15+	with Jean-Pierre Bacri
"Western"				M15+	
"Window to Paris"				M15+	
“Wild Grass”	2010			M	<i>From venerable French filmmaker Alain Resnais comes a trippy, genre-bending meditation on the vagaries of passion that widens the boundaries of cinema, but engages the intellect more than the emotions.</i>
« Welcome »	Drama/ 2010			M	Bilal (Firat Ayverdi), a 17-year-old Kurdish refugee, is determined to get to England, to be reunited with his sweetheart. His naïve, headstrong optimism unends the stagnating life of Frenchman, Simon Calmat (Vincent Lindon). Simon and his resigned, thin-lipped face teach swimming in a local pool and he quickly divines the fact that his young immigrant pupil is preparing to swim the English channel. Stung by his soon-to-be-ex-wife, Marion's (Audrey Dana) taunt that he stood by and said nothing when the 'illegals' were thrown out of a supermarket for upsetting the locals. 'Do I need to buy you a history book?' asks Marion, who feeds many refugees at a Calais soup kitchen. Simon responds by

					allowing Bilal and a friend to stay for a few days.
DOCUMENTARIES					
"The Class"	Documentary/ 2008	Silver	Foreign	M	The movie is based on a semi-autobiographical novel of Bégaudeau's experiences as a French language and literature teacher in an inner city middle school in Paris, particularly illuminating his struggles with "problem children" Esmerelda (Esmeralda Ouertani), Koumba (Rachel Regulier), and Souleymane (Franck Keïta). The film stars the author himself in the role of the teacher. Won the palme d'or in Cannes
"To Be and To Have"	Documentary	Silver	Foreign	G	is a highly acclaimed cinematic documentary and multi award winning film about a wonderful teacher in a French country town.
"Read My Lips",					starring Vincent Cassel and Emmanuelle Devos, is a passionate thriller and winner of Best Screenplay Cesar Awards 2002 and Official Selection at the Toronto International Film Festival.
"A French Woman",					starring Emmanuelle Béart and Daniel Auteuil, is the story of a woman drifting between desire and convention on a journey of self discovery.
"Look at me"		Silver	Foreign	PG	entertaining tale of an egotistical writer & his daughter
Musicals					
"Satin Rouge"		Silver	Foreign	M	. Arabic / French M15+
"8 women"	Comedy/musical	Blue	Foreign	M15+	with Fanny Ardant, Emmanuelle Béart, Michele Morgan
« Cœurs »	Comedy/musical	Red	Foreign	M	Directed by Alain Resnais .In contemporary Paris, six characters individually confront their emotional solitude as their lives intertwine
Classics					
"Naughty Girl"	1960s		oldies		Paul Latour, the owner of a cabaret, is suspected by the police of being a banknote forger. He decides to leave Paris and asks Jean Clery, the cabaret's star performer, to take care of his daughter, Brigitte (Brigitte Bardot). Jean is convinced that Brigitte has been brought up in a high class institution and is ignorant of her father's criminal activities. Jean decides to bring Brigitte back to his apartment but his fiancée, Lilli, does not agree and soon becomes jealous of her. Jean soon learns that Brigitte is not the well-educated girl he had supposed but is in fact a terrible trouble maker...
"The man who loved women"	1977		oldies		Many women are attending Bertrand Morane's burial. They are all the ones that 40 years old engineer loved. Flashback : Bertrand's life and love affairs, told by himself while writing an autobiographical novel. A film about the love relationships, the need to charm and the literary

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