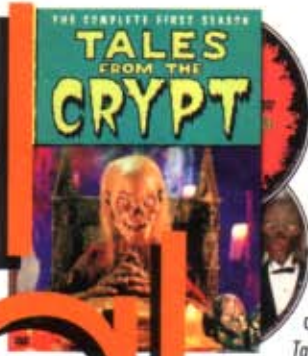


# reel deal



## TALES FROM THE CRYPT

This spooky series is out on DVD. *Tales from the Crypt*, which ran from 1989-1996, featured a range of Hollywood Stars, and continuously found new ways to scare the living crap out of you, episode after episode. *Tales from the Crypt*, starring the infamous, "Crypt Keeper," became the *Twilight Zone* of the 90s. From episodes featuring suspenseful mysteries to graphic scenes depicting horrifying deaths, this series could be compared to a never-ending horror movie. Apparently, *Tales from the Crypt* appealed to a majority of Horror fanatics, as it went on to win 4 emmys and be nominated for a host of other awards. *Tales from the Crypt* has definitely spanned the test of time, and still has the ability to scare the toughest. Note: Be prepared to sleep with the lights on!

## NEW JACK CITY



This gangsta' classic has been hailed by some as the "ghetto *Scarface*." It even started its own genre with the emergence of "New Jack Swing." Starring Wesley Snipes as egotistical druggin, Nino Brown, "New Jack City" follows his rise to power and his subsequent downfall. Ice T plays Scotty Appleton, the police detective who is responsible for cleaning up the drug infested Harlem Streets, while taking down Nino in the process. Other notables in this film include the 'other' Vanessa Williams, who stars in the TV drama *Soul Food*, and a young Chris Rock as Pookie.

This 2-disc special edition is loaded with features including audio commentary by director/co-star Mario Van Peebles; *New Jack City: A Hip-Hop Classic*; *New Jack City: Harlem World*; and *Harlem World: A Walk Inside* documentaries; Music videos by Ice-T Christopher Williams and Color Me Badd; and the theatrical trailer.

## BEAUTY SHOP

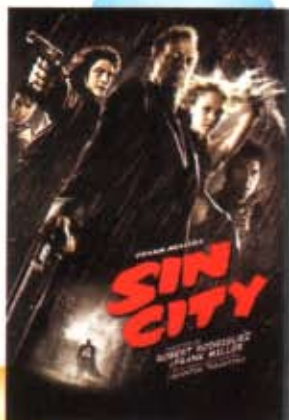
The popular *Barbershop* film franchise continues in this third installment. This time around the film follows Queen Latifah's character, Gina Norris (who was introduced in *Barbershop 2*). She's made the move from Chicago to Atlanta so her daughter can put her talent to use and attend a prestigious music school. While living there she quits her job at a pos salon to open up one of her own, taking the shampoo girl



(Alicia Silverstone) and a few key clients (Andie MacDowell, Mena Suvari) with her. The laughs come as Gina butts heads with her former boss-turned-competitor (Kevin Bacon) and the audi-

ence is introduced to an entirely new and colorful cast of characters and clients.

Big on laughs but not too big on features, this DVD does include the following: A Gag Reel; Select scene Director's commentary; and *Beauty Shop: Inside the Style*.



## KUNG-FU HUSTLE

This comical portrayal of the classic martial arts movie mixes high-flying action with heart -stopping comedy. The residents of Pig Sty alley, who all happen to be Kung Fu fighters are up against the axe carrying, black suited Axe gang, who decide to take revenge on the 'wannabe' Axe gang members from Pig Sty. Director Stephen Chow plays the 'counterfeit' Axe member, Sing, who fights it out in a climatic all out duel with the real Axe member, The Beast. Funny thing is, Sing battles it out using 'skills' he learned from a Kung Fu booklet as a child. No *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* here, but an enjoyable action packed film nonetheless.

Special features on this DVD include deleted scenes; Outtakes and bloopers; Audio commentary with the cast and crew; *Behind the Scenes of Kung Fu Hustle*; Ric Meyers Interview with Stephen Chow; International Poster Exploration Gallery and TV spots.



## SIN CITY

*Sin City* features an All-Star cast that includes the likes of Bruce Willis, Jessica Alba, and Rosario Dawson, just to name a few. Filmed in black and white, *Sin City* epitomizes the meaning of action-packed. Director Robert Rodriguez spins a tail of murder, lust, and 'sin' around three equally satisfying story structures revolving around Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke, and Clive Owens. No leading man could be complete without his leading lady, and Jessica Alba, Jamie King, and Rosario Dawson all 'accompany' these men in these twisted plots. *Sin City* represents one of the best comic book adaptations to date. If you're not on it, you need to get up on it. No worries though, *Black Beat* is giving you the exclusive offer to add *Sin City* to your DVD collection - just see above!

### Sin City DVD Giveaway

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