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Fans say goodbye to fab four of 'Sex and the City' in 2004

The 'Season Six, Part Two' DVD release gives fans bittersweet closure

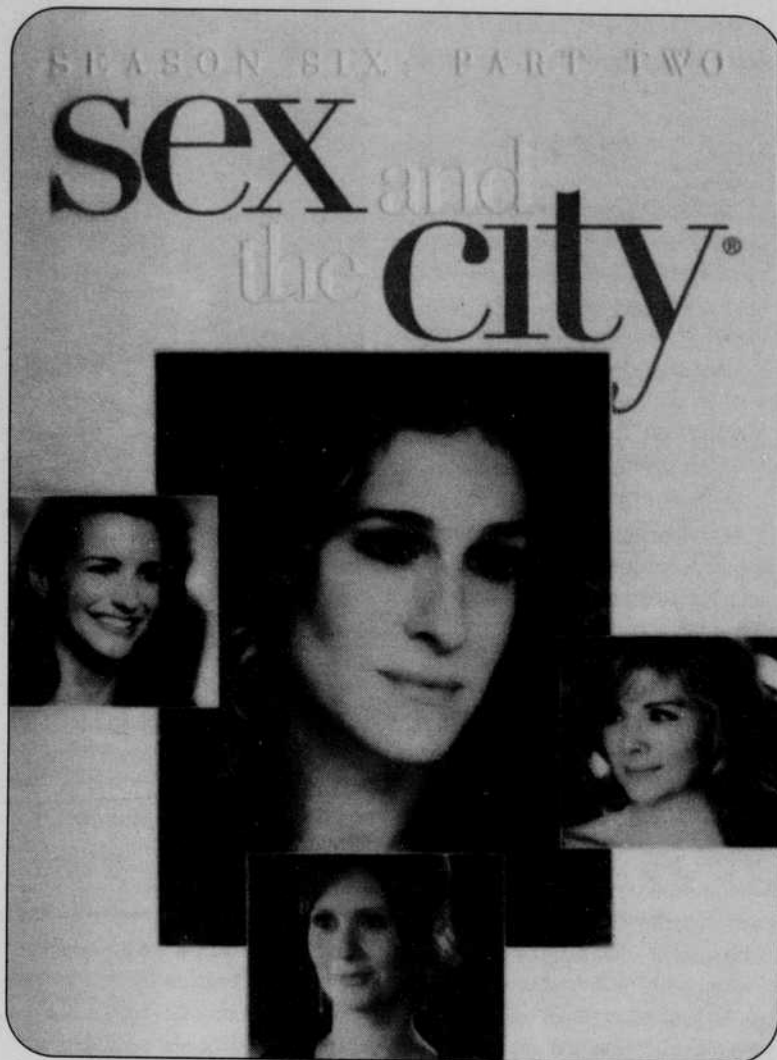
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For six years, millions of fans tuned in every Sunday to experience the hilarious and sexual adventures of Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda — four fabulously single women in New York City. These four ladies gave women all over the world the power to see themselves as sexy and marvelous at any age and in almost any situation, all while displaying and maintaining the magnificent supremacy of friendship between women.

When "Sex and the City" came to a close in 2004, the grief was felt in every corner of the globe. With the release of the climax (pun very much intended) — the "Season Six, Part Two" DVD on Dec. 28 — fans both old and new can finally get some closure.

I am a "Sex and the City" fanatic and the purchase of each season on DVD is something that I will never regret. This DVD, however, is a diamond in a sea of emeralds, for the unfolding of the last half of the final season is at times hilarious and at other times extremely heartbreaking. The growth of the four women in these last eight episodes is undeniable. The writing, which has never failed to impress, is brought to a whole new level as the characters all face heart-rending crossroads in their lives, with and without each other.

When we last saw these girls, the remarkable Carrie Bradshaw — who could never be played by anyone other than the fabulous Sarah Jessica Parker — had begun to develop what could potentially be a serious relationship with Aleksandr Petrovsky, aka "The Russian," played by Russian ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov. The writers obviously put careful thought into this relationship, to scare the audience into thinking that Carrie could end up with this man and that Mr. Big, who had been in Carrie's life for the



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The last DVD collection of "Sex and the City" is a welcomed release for fans of the groundbreaking HBO series. The collection was released Dec. 28.

past six years, could actually be left in the dust. As the story unfolds, the audience is torn between these loves of Carrie's life, but in the end, the resolution is nothing less than spectacular.

When "Season Six, Part One" left off, Miranda Hobbes and Steve Brady, wonderfully played by Cynthia Nixon and David Eigenberg, respectively, had finally realized they were meant to be. Part two shows fans the side of Miranda they've longed to see as soon as Steve entered the picture in season two. Fans had fallen in love with Steve long before Miranda realized that she had, and the pleasure of seeing these two characters together is incredible. Their move to Brooklyn in the last few episodes is shadowed by both joy and

despair, and the growth between the two into a real family is heartwarming.

Samantha Jones, perfectly played by Kim Cattrall, has always been a woman who knows what she wants. When she's thrown for a loop in the last half of the final season, the audience sees the true strength of this character. Along with breast cancer, Samantha is forced to face up to a power much stronger than she is — true love.

Charlotte York-Goldenblatt, whom Kristen Davis has given life to for the past six years, has gone through plenty of heartache, desperately trying everything possible to conceive a baby. The audience has been there

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