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**Crime DVDs 'Get Shorty,' 'Heat' recognize their 10th anniversaries**

BY DAVID GERMAIN  
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**"The Docurama Awards Collection"**

With documentaries approaching mainstream acceptance (Sunday's Academy Awards nominees include the nonfiction hits "Super Size Me" and "Tupac: Resurrection"), one of the premier home-video labels for docs offers a weighty package of past Oscar winners and contenders. The 12-disc set compiles a dozen titles previously released as separate DVDs, highlighted by five best-documentary Oscar recipients: "Scared Straight!" (1978), "Best Boy" (1979), "From Mao to Mozart" (1980), "Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision" (1994) and "Murder on a Sunday Morning" (2001). The seven other Oscar nominees included in this far-ranging boxed set are "Children Underground," "Genghis Blues," "Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg: Speaking in Strings," "Paul Taylor: Dance-maker," "Regret to Inform," "Sound and Fury" and "The Weather Underground." DVD set, \$199.95. (Docurama)

**"I (Heart) Huckabees"**

David O. Russell directs an "existential comedy" that might have taken last year's quirky-film crown were it not for "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" and "The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou." The ensemble cast features Dustin Hoffman, Lily

Tomlin, Naomi Watts, Jude Law, Mark Wahlberg, Jason Schwartzman and Isabelle Huppert in a screwball quest for the meaning of life. The movie comes in a single-DVD release with two commentary tracks, one by Russell, the other with Russell, Schwartzman, Wahlberg and Watts, or in a two-disc set whose extras include a large batch of deleted scenes, cast and crew interviews and a music video. Single DVD, \$27.98; two-disc set, \$39.98. (20th Century Fox)

**"Get Shorty"**

John Travolta saddles up again in his "Cadillac of minivans" in a 10-year anniversary release of his Hollywood crime romp, which also serves as a warm-up for his sequel, "Be Cool," in theaters March 4. The Elmore Leonard adaptation features Travolta as ultra-capable loan shark Chili Palmer, who tires of the mob business and tries his hand at movie producing. The two-disc set has three newly produced featurettes with interviews by Travolta and co-stars Danny DeVito, Gene Hackman, Rene Russo and James Gandolfini, along with director Barry Sonnenfeld and Leonard. Sonnenfeld also offers commentary, and the DVD has a deleted scene featuring Ben Stiller, whose part was cut from the film. There's also the obligatory sneak preview of "Be Cool." DVD set, \$29.98. (MGM)

**"Heat"**

Also celebrating its 10th birthday is Michael Mann's sprawling crime saga that pits Robert De Niro and Al Pacino against each other on opposite sides of the law. Co-starring Jon Voight, Val Kilmer and Ashley Judd, the film stars De Niro as a master thief whose big score is disrupted by pursuit from an obsessive cop (Pacino). The new two-disc release has commentary by writer-director Mann ("Collateral"), 11 deleted scenes and five featurettes, among them a glimpse of the real-life cop whose 1960s case was the basis for the film. DVD set, \$26.99. (Warner Bros.)

**Three Japanese epics**

Two epics directed by Japanese animation master Hayao Miyazaki ("Spirited Away") and a third by Hiroyuki Morita make their U.S. debut in two-disc sets, each containing interviews with the films' English-language voice casts. Miyazaki's "Nausicaa," centers on a princess leading a struggle for survival in a war-ravaged future. His "Porco Rosso," about a World War I flying ace whose face has been transformed into a pig's, features the voices of Michael Keaton and Cary Elwes. Morita's "The Cat Returns," whose voice stars include Anne Hathaway, Elwes and Peter Boyle, follows a schoolgirl's adventures in a magical feline kingdom. DVDs, \$29.99 each. (Disney)

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**Book review**

**Pope's book 'Memory and Identity' based on conversations with friends**

BY VICTOR L. SIMPSON  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROME — An Italian publishing house gathered Rome's glitterati Tuesday for the official launch of Pope John Paul II's new book, hoping the work that includes his first public description of the moments after he was shot can become an international best seller.

Top prelates sat side-by-side with politicians, industrialists and titled nobility for the event in the Palazzo Colonna, which was built by a 15th century pope.

The Rizzoli publishing house, which

holds the worldwide rights, announced that the book "Memory and Identity" would come out in 14 editions in 11 languages over the next few months.

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls confirmed that John Paul's description of his ride in an ambulance after being shot by a Turkish gunman in 1981 had not been made public before.

The book, a copy of which was obtained Feb. 17 by The Associated Press in Poland, is based on conversations the pope had in Polish with his close friends, philosopher Krzysztof

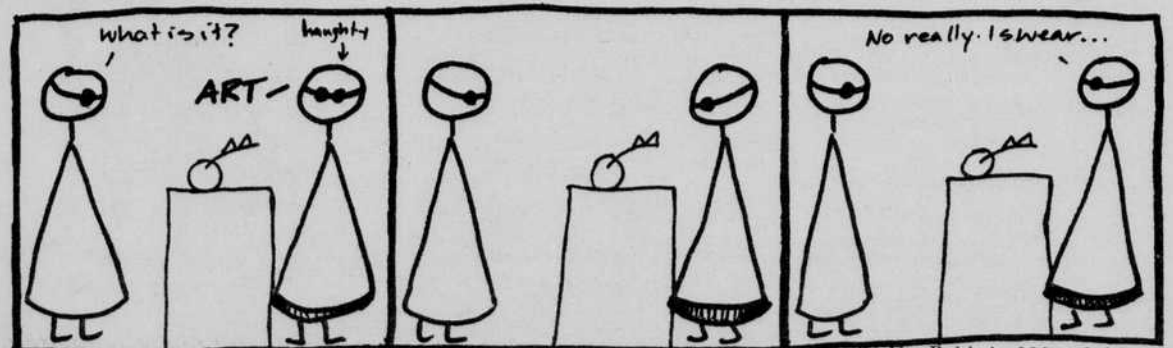
Michalski and the late Rev. Jozef Tischner in 1993 at the papal summer residence near Rome.

A German Jewish leader criticized one passage in the book, saying the pope was making an unacceptable comparison between abortion and the Holocaust.

Paul Spiegel, the head of Germany's Central Council of Jews, pointed to the pope's contention that both the Holocaust and abortion came about when people decided to usurp "the law of God."

The book is John Paul's fifth. Royalties from the books go to charity.

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