boyfriend, a seemingly dimwitted sheriff and an acid-tongued spinster (scene stealer Lisa Kudrow). Hilarious, unpredictable, bitchy and touching, this film begs you to love the nasty characters as much as the nice ones—and you will. The DVD features both the regular and widescreen versions of the film, a director's commentary and deleted scenes.

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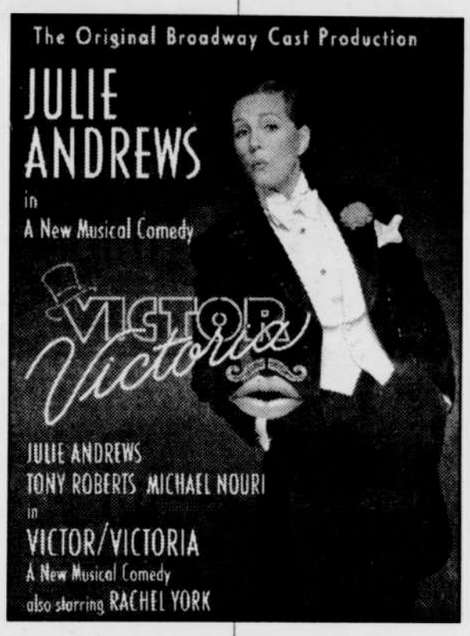


Julie Andrews reprises one of her unforgettable film roles in this all-new Broadway musical version of the story. As a down-and-out English soprano, she teams with a gay producer in 1920s Paris to refashion herself as Count Victor, the world's greatest female impersonator. But can a woman playing a man playing a woman continue the charade when she/he catches the amorous attention of a macho Chicago gangster? This filmed version of the Broadway show was one of Andrews' final performances ever, before surgery forced her retirement from singing. With spectacular production numbers and new songs intermixed with familiar tunes from the film, you'll adore this adaptation. The DVD features some background on Andrews and the stage production as well as two introductions by the actress herself.

IT'S IN THE WATER
Wolfe

The small Southern town of Azalea Springs is rocked to its core when a rumor breaks out: Drinking the local water will turn you gay! It certainly seems to be true in the case of a local debutante, whose kiss with another woman in a hospital supply room leads to outrageous discrimination. *It's in the Water* is funny at times, although it tries too hard to wear its heart on its sleeve. With a cast including gay men, lesbians, drag queens and people with AIDS, it really wants to be everything to everyone. This is one of those rare gay films that you could watch safely with your parents but that might feel a little patronizing if you watched it with queer friends. The DVD features a commentary track by the lesbian director and her two (straight) female leads as well as an isolated track for the score and theme song.

KILLER CONDOM
Troma

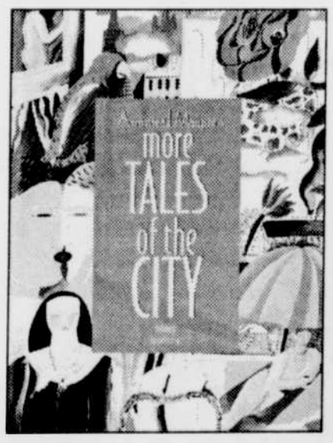
Probably the strangest gay video you ever will see, *Killer Condom* is a German film adaptation of the famous comic books by gay creator Ralf Konig. Gay detective Luigi Mackeroni must search the streets and brothels of New York to find and stop a condom with a voracious appetite. It already has eaten dozens of men's dicks—and one of Luigi's balls—and now seems to be spawning equally hungry carnivorous children. With the help of his hustler boyfriend, a police partner out of his element and one ugly drag queen, Luigi tries to make the city safe for safe sex. Surreal and funny, this is not for the squeamish but would make a great party film. The DVD features English subtitles, lots of production stills, trailers and a commentary track by the director and the special effects man, who get increasingly drunker the more they talk about dicks and condoms!

VAMPYRES
Anchor Bay

Exploitation movies of the 1970s featured lots of scantily clad or naked women, and the 1974 cult horror film *Vampyres* ranks among them. What makes it different is this British import is about two bisexual female vampires who lure men to their estate to feed on their blood. Although it was released as X-rated—it's tame by today's standards—it still was censored. However, *Vampyres* is uncut on this DVD. I'll warn you that the film has nothing political or even especially queer-themed other than some steamy sex scenes, so I only am recommending it to queer horror fans, goth kids and anyone with a taste for exploitation. The DVD features trailers, production stills and a hilariously ribald commentary track between the director and producer.

MORE TALES OF THE CITY
DVD International

Armistead Maupin's well-loved series of books so far has been translated into two television miniseries, but only the second is available on DVD. The story follows a group of characters—gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual and transgendered—through the heyday of San Francisco in the late 1970s. Nominated for five Emmy Awards the year it was made, *More Tales of the City* is great fun for everyone, with tremendous scripts, bravura acting and a story that is by turns dramatic, humorous, horrific and sexy. Available in a two-DVD boxed set, *More Tales* itself is almost six hours long. You also get more than 4 1/2 hours of audio commentary from the writer and stars, deleted scenes, rehearsal footage, production photos, handwritten script pages, a tour of the sets and props, interviews with the cast and much more. The boxed set is one of the best examples of how important DVD technology can be for those who truly enjoy the art of filmmaking. And with Showtime now in production on *Further Tales of the City*, here's your chance to brush up on the fabulous characters and stories.



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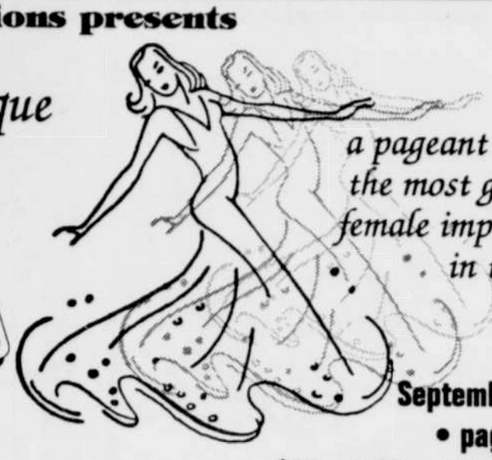

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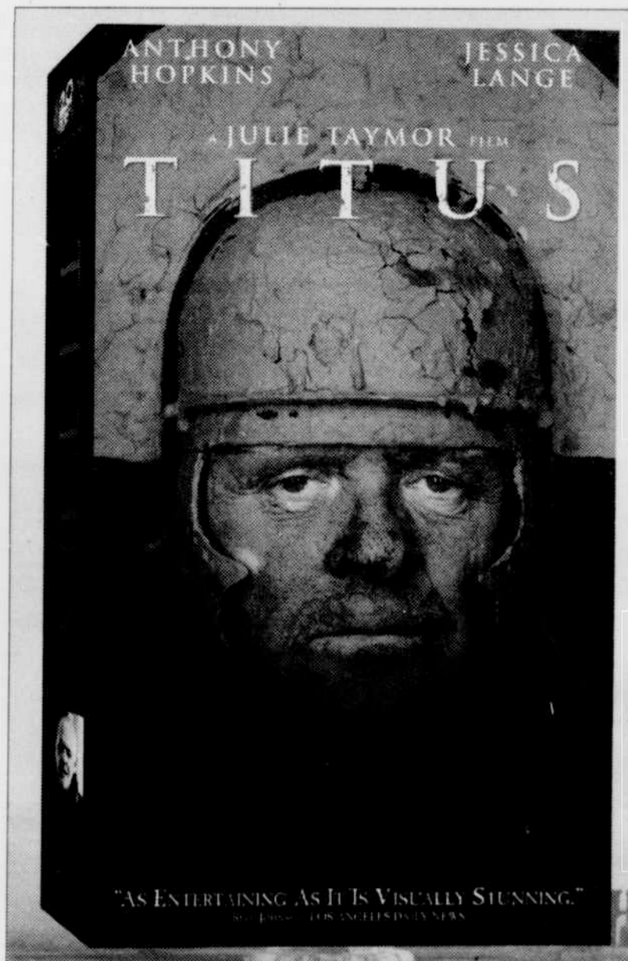

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