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AMERICAN HISTORY

The Kennedys (American Experience)

(DVD) *The Kennedys* is a dramatic portrait of America's most famous political family and their repeated pursuit of the presidency. The first episode, "The Father", tells the remarkable story of patriarch Joseph P. Kennedy and his creation of a dynasty that would enable him to realize, through his sons, his own failed ambitions to become America's first Roman Catholic President. The second episode, "The Sons", follows the Kennedy story from the glamorous imagery of Jack and Jackie Kennedy's White House, through the national tragedies of the assassinations of John and Robert Kennedy, to the dark days of Edward Kennedy's accident at Chappaquiddick and his unsuccessful 1980 presidential campaign.



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We Shall Remain (American Experience)

(DVD) The five documentaries included in this series span almost four hundred years and tell the story of pivotal moments in U. S. history from the Native American perspective. Upending two-dimensional stereotypes of American Indians as simply ferocious warriors or peaceable lovers of the land, *We Shall Remain* highlights Native ingenuity and resilience and establishes Native history as an essential part of American

ART

Garrison Keillor: The Man on the Radio in the Red Shoes (American Masters)



America's foremost humorist and commentator, Garrison Keillor takes his skits and jokes, music and monologues across the country in his traveling radio show, spinning his stories into American gold. This freeform, intimate look at the private man in the public spotlight goes behind the scenes of America's most popular radio show, *A Prairie Home Companion*, and inside the imagination of the man who created it.

Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes (Independent Lens)

(DVD) Sparking dialogue on hip-hop and its declarations on gender, *HIP-HOP: Beyond Beats and Rhymes* provides thoughtful insight from intelligent, divergent voices including rap artists, industry executives, rap fans and social critics from inside and outside the hip-hop generation. The film includes interviews with famous rappers such as Mos Def, Fat Joe, Chuck D, and Jadakiss and hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons; along with commentary from Michael Eric Dyson, Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Kevin Powell, and Sarah Jones and interviews with young women at Spelman College, a historically black school and one of the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. An official selection of the 2006 Sundance Film Festival, this documentary appeared on PBS as part of the series Independent Lens.



Smitten: A Love Story about Art

(DVD) This documentary explores art collector Rene di Rosa, a man who is smitten by art. Rene is unusual because his goal is neither about interior decorating nor increasing his social status, but about the pure joy of discovery. He has the world's largest and most notable collection of Northern California art; at times colorful, figurative, humorous, rebellious, political, and radical.

DRAMA



David Copperfield (Masterpiece Classic)

(DVD and VHS) The most autobiographical of Charles Dickens' work, *David Copperfield* often echoes the writer's own life. It tells the moving story of David's journey from birth to maturity, a journey that inextricably links his life with some of Dickens' most colorful and extraordinary families. Starring Maggie Smith and Bob Hoskins. Also starring a young (and adorable) Daniel Radcliffe (*Harry Potter*).

The House of Cards Trilogy

(DVD) Ian Richardson stars in this malevolent satire of greed, corruption and ambition in the highest realms of government. As Machiavellian monster Francis Urquhart, he schemes and backstabs his way to the top until he is standing on a pile of broken promises, betrayals and the bodies of those who oppose him. Brilliantly acted, this trilogy was awarded a primetime Emmy, a Peabody, two British Academy Awards, and a Writers' Guide Award. The DVD set includes all three episodes of this Masterpiece Theater series: *House of Cards* (1990), *To Play the King* (1994), and *The Final Cut* (1995).

The House of Elliot: Series Three

(DVD) We're pleased to announce that the third series of this Lending Library favorite is now available!

Little Dorrit (Masterpiece Classic)

(DVD) This timeless rags to riches story concerns the vacillating fortunes of the Dorrit family. The kind-hearted Amy looks after her proud father William who is a long-term inmate of Marshalsea debtors' prison in London. But their fate is transformed by the unexpected arrival of the benevolent Arthur Clennam. As the Dorrits meet a variety of characters from rich to poor, a dark villain Rigaud threatens to spill a long-held family secret. Winner of 7 2009 primetime Emmy awards, including Outstanding Miniseries!



Tess of the D'Urbervilles (Masterpiece Classic)

(DVD) When the beautiful and innocent Tess Durbeyfield is driven by family poverty to claim kinship with the wealthy D'Urbervilles and seek a portion of their family fortune, meeting the manipulative Alec proves to be her downfall. A passionate, sensual and very modern version of Thomas Hardy's infamous novel.

Upstairs, Downstairs

(DVD) Winner of nine Emmy Awards and a Golden Globe, the magnificent Edwardian series *Upstairs, Downstairs* held audiences spellbound for five seasons in the 1970s. Recapture the dramatic story of the aristocratic Bellamy family and their loyal servants in this digitally remastered 12-volume set, including all 81 episodes of the original series and the popular spinoff series, *Thomas & Sarah*.



Wallander (Masterpiece Mystery)

(DVD) Kenneth Branagh plays Swedish detective Kurt Wallander in three new crime dramas based on the best-selling books by Henning Mankell. *Sidetracked*, *Firewall*, and *One Step Behind* follow Inspector Kurt Wallander - a disillusioned everyman - as he struggles against a rising tide of violence in the seemingly sleepy backwaters in and around Ystad, Sweden. Baffling crimes and apparently motiveless murders lead to shocking discoveries.

FRONTLINE



Sick Around the World

(DVD) Four in five Americans say the healthcare system needs fundamental change. Can the U.S. learn anything from the rest of the world about how to run a healthcare system, or are these nations so culturally different that their solutions would not be acceptable? FRONTLINE correspondent T.R. Reid examines the healthcare systems of other advanced capitalist democracies to see what ideas might help the U.S. reform its broken healthcare system.

HISTORY

Catherine the Great

(DVD) *Catherine the Great* is a colorful, true story about a young girl, who transforms herself from an obscure German Princess into Russia's most powerful regent. As Tsarina, she is influenced by Western Democratic ideas and does much to strengthen Russia's standing in Europe. She has an astute intellect and is able to survive court intrigue to retain her crown.

Ask Not (Independent Lens)

(DVD) This is a provocative portrait of bravery despite exclusion. *Ask Not* explores the history of the infamous "don't ask, don't tell" policy and reveals the personal stories of gay Americans willing to risk their lives for a country that criminalizes the act of coming out.

The Jewish People: A Story of Survival

(DVD) Spanning millennia, this history of the Jewish people explores how a small group who started as desert nomads overcame countless obstacles to survive to the present day. From slavery to the loss of their homeland; from exile to anti-Semitism; from pogroms to near annihilation in the Holocaust, how did the Jews endure while so many other communities vanished? The answers are surprising.



Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai (Independent Lens)

(DVD) How does the simple act of planting trees lead to political change and a Nobel Peace Prize? This Independence Lens documentary looks to answer that question for us by profiling Wangari Maathai, who, three decades ago, suggested to rural women in her native Kenya that they plant tree for firewood and stop soil erosion - an act that grew into a nationwide movement to safeguard the environment, defend human rights and fight government injustice.

POV



Freedom Machines

(DVD) *Freedom Machines* takes a new look at disability through the lens of assistive technology. The experiences of a group of unforgettable people let us re-examine ideas about ability and disability grounded in our culture and attitudes. Engineers, designers and users challenge barriers inherent in our built environments, and reveal the gap between the promises of the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act and everyday reality for 54 million Americans with disabilities. Whether mainstream technology or extraordinary inventions such as stair-climbing wheelchairs, *Freedom Machines* reveals

both the power and limitations of technology to change lives.

Traces of the Trade: A Story of the Deep North

(DVD) First-time filmmaker Katrina Browne makes a troubling discovery — her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She and nine fellow descendants set off to retrace the Triangle Trade: from their old hometown in Rhode Island to slave forts in Ghana to sugar plantation ruins in Cuba. Step by step, they uncover the vast extent of Northern complicity in slavery while also stumbling through the minefield of contemporary race relations.

SCIENCE AND NATURE

Everest: The Mystery of Mallory and Irvine (Nova)

Did George Mallory and Andrew Irvine reach the top of Mt. Everest in 1924, nearly 30 years before Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay? This award-winning film, produced by renowned climbers and filmmakers David Breashears and Andrew Harvard, takes a fascinating look at Mallory's courageous attempt and the enduring mystery surrounding his disappearance atop the mountain.



Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures - "Sea Ghosts" and "Call of the Killer Whale"

(DVD) This DVD includes the two latest episodes from KQED-produced *Ocean Adventures*. In *Sea Ghosts*, Jean-Michel Cousteau travels to the high Arctic to discover why some beluga groups are thriving and others are disappearing. In *Killer Whales*, Cousteau and his team of oceanographers travel to both the northern and southern hemispheres as they seek out killer whales in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

Lost Tribes of Israel (Nova)

(DVD) Nearly 3,000 years ago, ten of Israel's founding tribes were defeated by the Assyrians and banished from ancient Judea. Today, people from as far away as Japan, India and Ethiopia claim to be the descendants of Israel's Lost Tribes. Join anthropologist Tudor Parfitt and take a scientific and genealogical adventure that leads from the Holy Land through Zimbabwe, to the wilderness of Southern Yemen and a modern-day London gene lab.

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Debate Team (KQED Production)

(DVD) *Debate Team* explores the strange subculture of competitive college debate, following four teams in their quest for the national title. What emerges is not simply a chronicle of the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, but a more disturbing examination into the nature of competition itself.



Ghost Mountain Experiment (KQED Production)

(DVD) Obsessed with the dream of living a simple back-to-nature lifestyle, eccentric artist, environmentalist, and author Marshal South flees civilization with his wife Tanya. The *Ghost Mountain Experiment* tells the story of how they raised a family on a remote, waterless mountaintop, but how isolation and betrayal takes their toll and ultimately destroys a desert paradise and a marriage.

Klunkerz (KQED Production)

(DVD) *Klunkerz* is a history of mountain bikes showing how a handful of hippie cyclists in the late 1960s and early 1970s literally reinvented the wheel. Little did they realize that their obsessive tinkering would ultimately lead to the birth of a multi-billion dollar industry and an Olympic sport.



Pete McCloskey: Leading from the Front (KQED Production)

(DVD) Narrated by Paul Newman, *Pete McCloskey: Leading from the Front* tells the colorful and inspirational life story of Pete McCloskey, a war veteran, lawyer, and former Republican Congressman. His story offers an example of an authentic hero, who as an elected official follows his moral compass regardless of the prevailing political winds.

This Dust of Words (KQED Production)

(DVD) Thirty years after he last saw her, Stanford English Professor John Felstiner finds wonder and mystery in the life and death of a former student. *This Dust of Words*, whose title is based on Elizabeth Wiltsee's honors thesis, is both an elegy for a life lost and a celebration of the charitable nature of humanity.