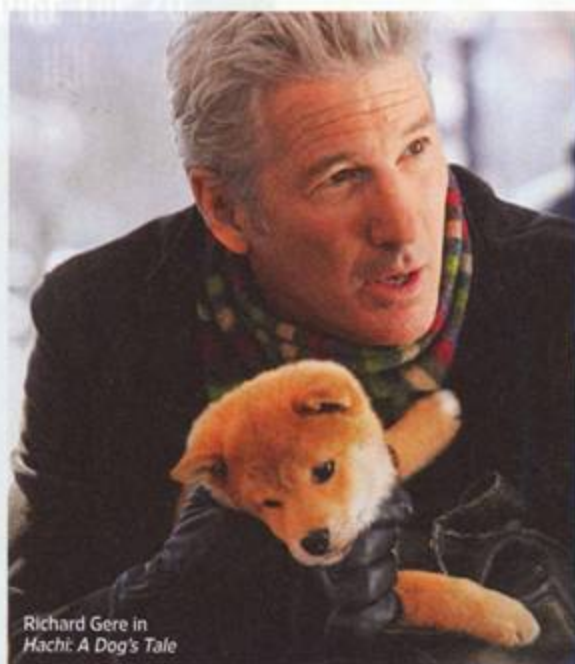


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Movies on DVD

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Richard Gere in *Hachi: A Dog's Tale*



Kevin Corcoran in *Old Yeller*



Will Smith in *I Am Legend*



Jennifer Aniston and Owen Wilson in *Marley & Me*

Best in Show

Richard Gere's *Hachi: A Dog's Tale* joins the pack of canine tearjerkers, from *Old Yeller* to *Marley & Me*, that make tough guys bawl

G, 93 MINS., 2010

Even the manliest moviegoer likes to have a good cry from time to time. Bill Murray knew that much in *Stripes* when he asked his platoon to raise their hands if they cried when *Old Yeller* died. We fellas may appear to be emotionally bulletproof sitting through female-friendly weepies like *Steel Magnolias* and *Beaches*, but throw a dog into the mix and the floodgates tend to bust wide open. Hollywood's been hip to this for ages, going back as far as 1943's *Lassie Come Home*—a perennial that defies you not to reach for the Kleenex. Since then, there have been heart-tuggers aimed at art-house crowds (1952's *Umberto D.*), action-flick aficionados (2007's *I Am Legend*), and mainstream multiplexers (2008's *Marley & Me*). What all of these movies about man's best friend have in common is that they're

guaranteed to turn on the most stubborn waterworks. At first glance, there was little reason to expect *Hachi: A Dog's Tale*'s inclusion on that list. After all, films directed by Lasse Hallström (*Chocolat*) and starring Richard Gere generally don't bypass theaters and basically go straight to DVD if they're half decent. But this one's a three-hankie gem. Based on a true story, *Hachi* is the tale of a professor who adopts a lost Akita puppy who sits outside the train station every night, loyally waiting for him to come home. Then, one day, his master doesn't come home (I'm not giving anything away, it's in the trailer) and Hachi just waits... and waits. All I can say is, I lost it. And unless you're made of stone, you will too. A run-of-the-mill making-of doc is the sole **EXTRA**. No matter, *Hachi* still gets an **A-**.



Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire
Gabourey Sidibe, *Mo'Nique*
R, 109 MINS., 2009

A harrowing nightmare of domestic abuse so bleak it's a miracle director Lee Daniels finds a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. The disc's loaded with great **EXTRAS** like Sidibe's powerhouse audition and a chat with the film's A-list backers, Tyler Perry and Oprah Winfrey. **A-**



Up in the Air
George Clooney, Vera Farmiga
R, 109 MINS., 2009

Clooney and Farmiga flirt while racking up frequent-flier miles in a romantic comedy for our Age of Corporate Downsizing. Both soar (as does Oscar nominee Anna Kendrick as a chipper ax-woman). If only the ending weren't so...up in the air. **EXTRAS** include a commentary with director Jason Reitman and some meaty deleted scenes. **B+**



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"AAAAAAAAN-GRY," Aziz Ansari

The *Parks and Recreation* star's foulmouthed comic alter ego, RAAAAAAAANDY, hilariously rails against Jay-Z, Kanye West, and all the other rappers who let him down in this bit, available on Ansari's site (azizisbored.tumblr.com).



What are your favorite celebs into? To see stars discuss their personal Must List picks, check out Must List Live! at EW.COM/MUSTLISTVIDEO

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6 HACHI: A DOG'S TALE on DVD Usually when you think of straight-to-DVD movies, names like Steven Seagal, Michael Madsen, and—of course!—Jean-Claude Van Damme come to mind, not Richard Gere. But don't let that stop you from seeing this G-rated canine sobfest, one of the sweetest films to not hit theaters in years.



7 Vampire Weekend's "GIVING UP THE GUN" video The indie rockers' latest clip centers on a tennis match, with funny cameos from Jake Gyllenhaal (above), Joe Jonas, RZA, and Lil Jon. The lineup couldn't be more random, and we adore it.



8 A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET trailer *One, two, Freddy's coming for you.* The new spot shows us more of Hollywood's scariest burn victim ever. And with his creeping menace, Jackie Earle Haley seems to fit the role like a razor-fingered glove.



9 WINNING TIME on ESPN Even non-sports fans will want to catch this documentary about Indiana Pacer Reggie Miller and his rivalries with the New York Knicks and courtside fixture Spike Lee. He scored 25 points in a quarter. Hoosier daddy?



10 The Office's "MENTOR" WEBISODES The delectable new *Office* webisodes (now at NBC.com) feature receptionist Erin (Ellie Kemper, left) as she finds her loyalties torn between preening Kelly (Mindy Kaling) and prissy Angela (Angela Kinsey, right). Who's going to win out? We predict Ryan (B.J. Novak). You'll see why.