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ver the years we have featured several articles on different web sites. Below follow some interesting ones for searches on DVDs.

## International web sites

#### www.IMDB.com [Internet Movie Data Base]

When you are looking for a database that can provide you with almost every film title on the market, this is the very best and most used web site by people in the film industry. Information is provided in a very structured and organised format. Statistics reveal that over 57 million movie and television fans visit this site every month. It is also a good site for complete reviews of films as well as everything you want and need to know about films, for instance, the directors, producers, cast and production companies. Reviews are also posted by globally accredited film reviewers such as Roger Ebert and James Berardinelli. Also included are reviews by the man in the street who have carte blanche to write what they feel about a specific film. It is informative to read the informal reviews together with the formal reviews. All films are also rated by the users and the database. DVD cataloguers will also find this a useful site.

# www.reelviews.net

Exactly the same as the Internet Movie Data Base (IMDB), but if, for some or other reason, you can not find a review on IMDB, it might be found here. These two sites should be used interactively.

# www.hollywood.com

Includes information on celebrities, movies, trailers, TV, photos, DVDs and fans. Additionally it provides current news about the film industry. A comprehensive site with something for every movie fan.

### www.moviemail-online.co.uk

An international British film web site for online shopping. One views DVDs and then orders them via e-mail. It will either be posted or

shipped, depending on the quantities ordered. All DVDs are priced in pounds, and are very, very cheap. I am tempted to say that DVDs are cheaper on this site than anywhere else in the world. My personal experience with this site is that the service is excellent, trustworthy and they will contact you via e-mail. If you are not sure about a title, just type in the words in a space provided and voila!

## www.nationalgeographic.com

A site that specialises in documentary films, especially about animals. The quality of these documentaries are guaranteed and they are excellent library material. The documentaries are professionally produced.

# www.badmovies.org

Believe it or not, this is a web site featuring bad movies. You watch these films after family members go to bed. Very interesting indeed. When I first visited this site I was just curious, but surprisingly, enjoyed it. It contains monster movies, horror sites, a bad movie store and forum where you can interact with other bad movie lovers and it also contains bad movie reviews. Join the bad movie fan club. However, one always asks oneself what is the definition of a good or bad film? You will definitely find your answer here. Visit this site to satisfy your curiosity!

#### www.DVDmovieonline.com

An online DVD store, much like a shopping web site. Contains genres for easy DVD shopping, such as action, comedy, drama, horror, family/kids, music/musical DVDs, sci-fi and sport DVDs. If you want to build a DVD collection for your library, start here! Here you will find a photo of the DVD cover plus the review.

#### www.reelfilm.com

Contains TV films on DVD, the best and the worst films per year [star indicator], new films, new in theatres, an A-Z list of films, film festivals and miscellaneous reviews of films.

#### www.filmcritic.com

Contains movie reviews, what is playing in theatres, what is new on DVD, an archives section, a blog where you can interact with other film fanatics, and a rating scale. An excellent web site!

#### www.bbc.co.uk/film

A British web site that describes and discusses Bollywood films.

#### www.moviemantz.com

Join Scott and share in his unique collection of DVDs. It includes Scott's movie reviews; Scott's latest reviews; Scott's archive (1999 - present); Scott's worst films for the year and Scott's best movies for the year.

Well-updated!

#### www.allmovie.com (the all movie blog)

This site includes various genres: drama, comedy, horror, thrillers, sci-fi, musicals and action DVDs. Celebrity news, celebrity birthdays and DVD new releases. Updated regularly.

# www.empireonline.com

Visit this site and experience cinema reviews, blogs, a daily quiz, movie news, future films, interviews and forums. Very good and updated regularly. Contains a search option to look for almost anything on film.

## www.channel4.com

Contains documentaries, reviews and an A-Z of shows and films. Simply type in the search function 'DVD' and you will find about 192 000 DVDs. An excellent site!

#### www.fast-rewind.com

A web site featuring 570 movies of the 1980s, but also recent and future releases. Worthwhile to visit.

# www.fataculture.wordpress.com

Contains reviews of films and an archive that dates back to 2007. A good site and updated regularly.

## www.searchforvideo.com

Browse videos about thousands of topics in the 'searchforvideo' directory. Interesting!

# South African web sites

# www.moviesites.co.za

www.rsg.co.za [choose 'vermaak' category]. This has authentic reviews by the well-known reviewer, Leon van Nierop.

# www.soulcomedy.co.za

Click on 'buy DVDs'. A South African web site where you can also find soul music on DVD.

# DVD shopping web sites

www.kalahari.net www.loot.co.za www.take2.co.za www.wantitall.co.za www.bellydancesuperstars.com www.impactvideo.com www.takeafricahome.co.za An online South African shop

An online South African shopping web site about wildlife, birds, sea life and children's DVDs.

