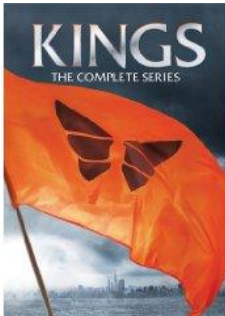


NEW & INTERESTING FILMS IN THE LIBRARY



Unmistaken Child (2009)

If you need a little vacation from your life and some exposure to a beautiful and mysterious land, people and religion, I recommend this documentary detailing the search for the child believed to be the reincarnation of a recently deceased Tibetan master. In charge of the search is a young monk, grieving and overwhelmed with the importance of his quest, who had spent nearly all of his life as the disciple-companion of the elderly master. He travels thru the gorgeous countryside of rural Tibet, into small villages following the smallest of clues searching for the child who may be the unmistakable reincarnation of his beloved teacher. The NY Times film review says "The beauty of the landscape and the monk's sweetness, humility and good humor evoke a plane of existence, and once elevated and austere, that is humbling to contemplate."



Kings: the First Season 2009

Set in a theocratic monarchy in a modern nation much like the USA, this television series is an interesting re-telling of the story of Saul and David.



Eve and the Fire Horse 2006

A Canadian film about faith, imagination and cross-cultural confusion. A very young Chinese girl living in Canada with her modern Buddhist family is drawn to the Catholicism of her school, but she and her sister have a lot of trouble untangling the various strands of theology, superstition and belief surrounding them. My favorite scene in the film is a delightful sequence where Eve dreams that Jesus and the Buddha are dancing together in her living room.



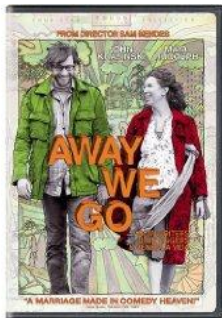
Maya Lin : A Strong Clear Vision (1994)

This interesting documentary film tells the story of the young, unknown artist who was chosen (against violent opposition by Congress and Veterans organizations) to create the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. This is an inspiring picture of a young artist sure of her talent and vision who created one of the most popular monuments in the Nation.



Phoebe in Wonderland (2009)

Phoebe is a very troubled but imaginative young girl who is devoted to the story of Alice in Wonderland. Her parents see her unusual behavior as a sign of her creativity, but her unconventional drama teacher is more alarmed.



Away We Go (2009)

A warm, delightful and very funny story of an unconventional young couple, pregnant with their first child, who take a cross-country trip visiting old friends to try to find a place to call home. It is not too sweet, the humor is sharply wicked, and you should enjoy the entire journey.



In The Valley of Elah (2008)

If you are looking for a more serious film to counteract all the Holiday sentiment, this film is a riveting, but not very much fun. Tommy Lee Jones plays a father whose son goes missing just after his return from a tour of duty in Iraq. It takes the ex-Marine MP awhile to uncover the whole nasty mystery and what he discovers is heart-breaking. An excellent depiction of PTSD and the personal costs of war on the young men who fight, the story is worth seeing.