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## DVDs



### HITCH

**Will Smith, Eva Mendes**

Not sure whether you can convince your significant other to see a movie about a matchmaker who falls in love? Don't worry—"Hitch" isn't your average chick flick. Will Smith has boyish charm, but he's also preapproved as a guy's guy. In this tale, he plays Alex Hitchens, a "dating doctor" who helps an Average Joe named Albert (Kevin James) win over a hot socialite (Amber Valletta). When a slick gossip columnist (Eva Mendes) comes into his life, Hitch is thrown off his game—and suddenly the player becomes the played. Make a date with "Hitch."



### THE KING OF QUEENS: FOURTH SEASON

Even though "Everybody Loves Raymond" got the glory for being CBS' most popular sitcom, the cast of "The King of Queens" has been supplying solid laughs since the series premiered in 1998. Some of the most LOL moments came during the show's fourth year, which

included the episode where Doug panics on a plane, grabbing an oxygen mask for himself rather than giving it up for Carrie. The "Queens" clan really took domestic turbulence to the next level!

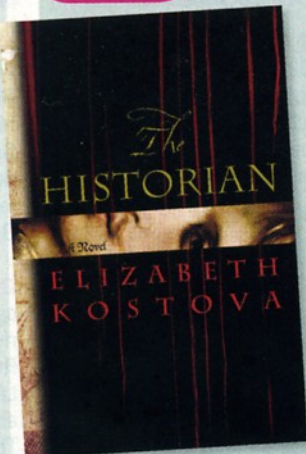


### NEWLYWEDS: SECOND AND THIRD SEASONS

With all the rumors swirling about a possible separation, Nick and Jessica still managed to put on a good show for the cameras during the last two seasons of their MTV reality series. The 20 episodes on this 3-disc set feature highlights such as the couple's first

anniversary in Atlantic City and Nick's Halloween decorating skills. You'll also get plenty of deleted scenes and outtakes which, if you know this pair by now, should be just as entertaining as the stuff that actually aired.

## Books



### THE HISTORIAN

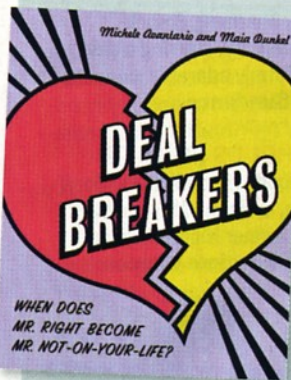
**By Elizabeth Kostova**

Fans of "The Da Vinci Code" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" may want to sink their fangs into this page-turner from first-time author Elizabeth Kostova. The action takes place in 1972 Amsterdam, where the protagonist, a 16-year-old American girl living with her diplomat dad, discovers a secret while digging around her father's library: Dracula may still be haunting Europe! The young go-getter travels across the continent on her bloody quest.

### SHAKING HER ASSETS

**By Robin Epstein and Renée Kaplan**

You don't have to possess X-ray vision or a Lasso of Truth to be a superhero. New York City native Rachel Chambers, the star of the clever chick-lit title "Shaking Her Assets," finds her power simply by thwarting evil blind dates and leaping from job to job. Eventually, one of Rachel's coworkers gets wind of her urban adventures and sketches a comic strip based on her. Will her alter ego inspire Rachel to take control of her life?



### DEAL BREAKERS

**By Michele Avantario and Maia Dunkel**

We've all been there: You meet a great guy and then, all of a sudden, something about him kills the love. It could be as minor as too much facial scruff or as major as the girlfriend he never told you about. The subtitle here says it all: "When Does Mr. Right Become Mr. Not-On-Your-Life"?

## Games & Gadgets

### DELAPOD HANDBAGS

Promising to remove the struggle of carrying an iPod in a purse, this stylish new line of handbags has a pocket designed for the Apple MP3 player. With holes placed on both sides of the bag, just thread the headphones through and enjoy your music without worrying about accidentally shutting off the iPod or leaving it vulnerable to theft. Prices range from \$49 to \$109. Go to [www.delapod.com](http://www.delapod.com) for ordering info.

