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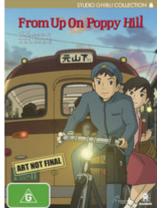
Studio Ghibli is often referred to as the Disney of the East. Japanese animated films of only the highest quality have emerged from Studio Ghibli since its establishment in 1985, with several of these films having won awards.

Hayao Miyazaki, one of the greatest directors and animators in Japanese cinema, has produced many of the Studio Ghibli films, after co-founding the company with his senior colleague Isao Takahata and Toshio Suzuki who was then an animation magazine editor at Tokuma Shoten. Miyazaki and Takahata have long been celebrated in Japan as visionary directors and icons in the field of animation.

# From up on Poppy Hill

## Due July 2013. Order your copy today. Only \$32.00

From the legendary and highly celebrated Studio Ghibli (Spirited Away, Ponyo, and Arrietty) comes From Up on Poppy Hill, the uniquely inspired and highly anticipated coming-of-age story from Goro Miyazaki and Hayao Miyazaki



Set in Yokohama, From Up On Poppy Hill is a high school love story that take place in the year before the 1964 Tokyo Summer Olympics. As the country begins to pick itself up from the devastation of the Second World War, the new generation struggles to move towards a prosperous future whilst trying not to lose the essence of their past. The film's rich and vibrant animation captures the entrancing beauty of Yokohama's harbour and lush surrounding hillsides and, with a soundtrack that draws inspiration from the finest music of the time, perfectly captures the thrills of young romance and the hope of a new dawn

# **Specifications**

Languages English, Japanese, English Subtitles

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**Number of Discs 2** 

Runtime 91.0 mins Retail Price \$31.95

#### **DVD Special Features**

Making of Featurette; Original Japanese trailers and TV spots

Press conference - theme song announcement

Music Video "Summer of Farewells - From Up On Poppy Hill" performed by Aoi Teshima

Hayao Miyazaki's speech after staff screening

Interview with Goro Miyazaki

Yokohama - Stories of Past and Present

Storyboards; Booklet including letters by Goro and Hayao Miyazaki

Cast and Crew

Anton Yelchin as Shun Kazama Sarah Bolger as Umi Matsuzaki

Alex Wolff Aubrey Plaza Beau Bridges
Bruce Dern Charlie Saxton Chris Noth
Christina Hendricks Emily Osment Gillian Anderson
Isabelle Fuhrman Jamie Lee Curtis Jeff Dunham
Ron Howard Ronan Farrow

## **Previous Studio Ghibli DVDs and books:**

Created by world-renowned Japanese animation house Studio Ghibli and



## **Arrietty The Film DVD**

\$32.95

Japanese with English subtitles.

Based on the much-loved children's book The Borrowers by Mary Norton, this is a story of a family of "little" people. ARRIETY is a visually stunning animated film created by world-renowned Japanese animation house Studio Ghibli.

Rated G

In this whimsical adventure, tiny 14-years-old Arrietty lives under the floorboards of a sprawling mansion set in a magical, overgrown garden with her father and mother. It is visually rich and elegantly detailed. Guaranteed to delight and enthral anyone of any age. Special Features:

- Alternative angle storyboards
- Original Japanese theatrical trailers

## The Secret World Of Arrietty 1 Manga comic \$29.95

Arrietty isn't your ordinary fourteen-year-old girl - she is small enough to make her home under the floorboards of a typical house. Everything she and her family have they've borrowed or made from things they've borrowed – and only a little each time, so the ladies of the house won't notice. A boy named Shawn discovers Arrietty, and before long a friendship begins to blossom. Discover Arrietty's adventure in this first book.



When the ladies in the house discover the Borrowers, Arrietty and Shawn must work together to save her family. They must dodge hungry birds, a prowling cat, a nosy housekeeper, and some pesky exterminators in order to make it out alive. Will the help from Shawn and a newcomer be enough to get their family to safety? The Secret World of Arrietty is a delight for all ages.



Arrietty longs for adventure, but the world can be a dangerous place for one so very small. She and her family live hidden beneath the floorboards of a house, borrowing the things they need from the humans who live inside. When Arrietty is discovered by a human boy named Shawn, her world is no longer secret and her family is in danger. If Arrietty can trust Shawn to protect her, she might discover a friendship she never imagined possible.



See how the characters and scenes are produced! This book is a collection of: concept sketches, concept art, backgrounds, character sketches and designs, and film stills follows the story of Studio Ghibli's animated film The Secret World of Arrietty. All concept and rough character sketches are by director Hiromasa Yonebayashi; key art sketches by Hayao Miyazaki; concept art and backgrounds by the art staff supervised by art directors Yoji Takeshige and Noboru Yoshida; and character design by Ai Kagawa and Akihiko Yamashita. All of the images are stills from the film.





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Journey to a Magical World. Haru, a schoolgirl bored by her ordinary routine, saves the life of an unusual cat, and suddenly her world is transformed beyond anything she's ever imagined. Her good deed is rewarded with a flurry of presents, including gift-wrapped mice, and one very shocking proposal of marriage - to the Cat's King's son! Haru embarks on an unexpected journey to the Kingdom of Cats where her eyes are opened to a whole other world and her destiny is uncertain. To change her fate she'll need to learn to believe in herself, and in the process she will learn to appreciate her everyday life. THE CAT RETURNS is a magical animated adventure that will delight and inspire everyone

The Cat Returns Picture Book

\$29.95

Grave of the Fireflies 88mins M \$32.95

A tale of the true tragedy of war and innocence lost.

In the aftermath of a World War II bombing, two orphaned children struggle to survive in the Japanese countryside. To Seita and his four-year-old sister, the helplessness and indifference of their countrymen is

even more painful than the enemy raids. Through desperation, hunger and grief, these children's lives are as heartbreakingly fragile as their spirit and love is inspiring.

## Howl's Moving Castle 114 mins PG \$32.95

Sophie, an average teenage girl working in a hat shop, finds her life thrown into turmoil when she is literally swept off her feet by a handsome but mysterious wizard named Howl. After this chance meeting she is turned into a 90-year old woman by the vain and conniving Witch of the Waste. Embarking on an incredible adventure to lift the curse, she finds refuge in Howl's magical moving castle where she becomes acquainted with Markl, Howl's apprentice, and a hot-headed fire demon named Calcifer. As the true power of Howl's wizardry is revealed, and his relationship with Sophie deepens, our young grey heroine finds herself fighting to protect them both from a dangerous war of sorcery that threatens their world

Howl's Moving Castle Picture Book \$29.95

Howl's Moving Castle Film Comic Vol 1 To 4 Manga \$16.95 each

The Art of Howl's Moving Castle \$56.95

## Kiki's Delivery Service 103 mins G \$32.95

It is tradition for all young witches to leave their families on the night of a full moon to learn their craft. That night comes for Kiki, who follows her dream and embarks on the experience of a lifetime.

With her chatty black cat, Jiji, She flies off to find the perfect spot in a faraway city. There, a bakery owner befriends Kiki and helps her start her own business: A high-flying delivery service.

Follow Kiki and her journeys on world of fun-filled escapades and new friendships, including one with Tombo, a boy who dreams one day of flying. Rarely has the animator's art been so brilliantly rendered as in this delightfully imaginative film that will entertain boys and girls everywhere

Kiki's Delivery Service picture book
Kiki's Delivery Service Film Comic *vol 1-4* (Manga) \$16.95
The Art of Kiki's Delivery Service \$56.95

# Laputa Castle in the Sky 125 mins G \$32.95

#### The Search for The Legendary Floating Castle...

It's a world out of time. A world where a young boy's dreams soar as high as the mythical floating island known as Laputa. Pazu's dreams are about to be realized when Sheeta, a young princess and government escapee, literally floats down from the skies, saved only by a mysterious, glowing pendant—a pendant comprised of Levitation Crystal, the supposed power of Laputa itself!

Now, pursued by pirates and Secret Service agents alike, Sheeta and Pazu seek the fabled island to fulfill Pazu's dreamquest and learn the secrets of Sheeta's clouded heritage

# My Neighbour Totoro 86 mins G \$32.95

#### When you need a friend, Totoro is waiting!

Two young girls, Satsuki and Mei, have moved with their father into a new home in the country, while their mother recovers from illness in a nearby hospital. To their surprise, they soon discover that they share this home with some rather unusual creatures and even stranger neighbours - forest guardians that the girls dub Totoro. When trouble occurs, their new friends will help them rediscover hope. Dearly loved and critically regarded worldwide, the magical My Neighbor Totoro is a heart-warming tale of innocence and the power of belief that will delight viewers of all ages

My Neighbour Totoro Picture Book \$34.95

My Neighbour Totoro Film Comic *Vol 1 to 4* Manga \$14.95 each

The Art of My Neighbour Totoro \$56.95

# My Neighbours the Yamadas 104 mins PG \$32.95

#### **Experience life's little victories with the Yamadas!**

Join in the adventures of the quirky Yamada family -- from the hilarious to the touching -- brilliantly presented in a unique, visually striking comic strip style. Takashi Yamada and his wacky wife Matsuko, who has no talent for housework, navigate their way through the ups and downs of work, marriage, and family life with a sharp-tongued grandmother who lives with them, a teenage son who wishes he had cooler parents, and a pesty daughter whose loud voice is unusual for someone so small. Even the family dog has issues! Experience the

little victories in life with MY NEIGHBORS THE YAMADAS -- featuring the voice talents of comedic stars Jim Belushi and Molly Shannon.

The Yamadas are a typical middle class Japanese family in urban Tokyo and this film shows us a variety of episodes of their lives. With tales that range from the humourous to the heartbreaking, we see this family cope with life's little conflicts, problems and joys in their own way

## Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind 116 mins PG \$32.95

Hayao Miyazaki's epic masterpiece!

A thousand years after a great war, a seaside kingdom known as the Valley of the Wind is one of the only areas that remains populated. Led by the courageous Princess Nausicaä, the people of the Valley are engaged in a constant struggle with powerful insects called ohmu, who guard a poisonous jungle that is spreading across the Earth. Nausicaä and her brave companions, together with the people of the Valley, strive to restore the bond between humanity and the earth.

Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind Film Comic *Vol 1-7 (Manga)* \$21.95 each The Art of Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind: Watercolor Impressions Due soon

## Only Yesterday 119 mins PG \$32.95

The key to Taeko's future lies in her past.

Only Yesterday revolves around Taeko, a single woman working a desk job in Tokyo in 1982, taking a vacation in the countryside with the family of her sister in-law. During her vacation, Taeko finds herself looking back at her time as a young schoolgirl growing up in 1966. The film flips back and forth between the two time periods with a lot of nostalgia and beautiful country scenery as Taeko sorts out her flashbacks and tries to make some tough decisions about her future.

## **Panda! Go Panda!** 75 mins **G \$16.95**

Cheerful Mimiko has a very strange family for a little girl - a Panda for her Papa, and his son, Panny, calls her Mom! Join this happy family and their many adventures! When Panny follows Mimiko to school, he must pretend to be a teddy bear so Mimiko won't get into trouble, but everyone wants a cute Panda! Despite his efforts to behave, Panny causes trouble in the school kitchen, and now the whole school is after Panny! Then, Panny makes a new friend, Tiny, a baby tiger who's wandered off from the circus. Getting Tiny back to his mom becomes the first adventure, but after a hard rain, the whole town is flooded and Mimiko, Papa Panda and Panny must rescue Tiny and other animals from the trapped circus train

## **Pom Poko** 114 mins **PG** \$32.95

#### Modern man must be stopped!

POM POKO is a tale of the clash between modern civilization and the natural world.

The Raccoons of the Tama Hills are being forced from their homes by the rapid development of houses and shopping malls. As it becomes harder to find food and shelter, they decide to band together and fight back. The Raccoons practice and perfect the ancient art of transformation until they are even able to appear as humans. In often hilarious ways, the Raccoons use their powers to try to scare off the advancement of civilization. But will it be enough? Or will the Raccoons learn how to live in balance with the modern world? Celebrate the magic of the forest and the beauty of the creatures who live among us in POM POKO — on DVD for the first time ever

## Ponyo 100 mins G \$34.95

In a small town by the sea lives five year-old Sosuke, high on a cliff overlooking the Inland Sea. One morning while playing on the rocky beach below his house, he discovers a goldfish named Ponyo, her head stuck in a jam jar. Sosuke rescues Ponyo and keeps her in a green plastic bucket.

Both Ponyo and Sosuke are fascinated by each other and promise to stay firm friends until Ponyo's father - once human, now a sorcerer who lives deep under the sea - forces her to return with him to the ocean depths. What follows is an amazing underwater adventure for all ages....

Ponyo picture Book \$32.95
Ponyo Film Comic Book *Vol 1 to 4* (*Manga*) \$18.95 Each
The Art of Ponyo \$56.95

Porco Rosso 93 mins PG \$32.95



Take Flight! World War I has ended, and peace reigns again. Aviators from around the world circle above the Adriatic Sea, keen to recapture the romanticism of flight lost during the war. Many have turned to air piracy, in amongst which a hero emerges: a man with a pig's head, known as Porco Rosso (once an Italian air force pilot called Marco Paggot). As mercenary law-enforcer of the skies and oceans, Porco Rosso protects cruise ships from the air pirates above them. When his actions are challenged by Curtis, an American who flies with the pirates, Porco Rosso is forced to defend his honour against this newcomer, which leads him to Fio, a feisty young engineer who rebuilds Porco's plane for the big dogfight

The Art of Porco Rosso \$56.95

#### Princess Mononoke 134mins M \$32.95

The Fate Of The World Rests On The Courage Of One Warrior

The march of technology, embodied in the dark iron forges of the ambitious Tatara clan, threatens the natural forces explicit in the benevolent Great God of the Forest and the wide-eyed, spectral spirits he protects. When Ashitaka, a young warrior from a remote, and endangered, village clan, kills a ravenous, boar-like monster, he discovers the beast is in fact an infectious "demon god," transformed by human anger. Inflicted with its deadly curse, a young warrior sets out to the forests of the west in search of the cure that will save his life. Once there, he becomes inextricably entangled in a bitter battle that matches Lady Eboshi and a proud clan of humans against the forest's animal gods? Who are led by the brave Princess Mononoke, a young woman raised by wolves!

Princess Mononoke Film Comic Vol1-5 (Manga) \$16.95 Each

## Spirited Away 125mins PG \$32.95

#### In a Place That Doesn't Exist - Something Impossible Happens

From Hayao Miyazaki, one of the most celebrated filmmakers in the history of animated cinema comes the Academy Award winning masterpiece, Spirited Away. Spirited Away is a wondrous fantasy about a young girl named Chihiro who discovers a secret world of strange spirits, creatures and sorcery. When her parents are mysteriously transformed, she must call upon the courage she never knew she had to free herself and return her family to the outside world

Spirited Away Picture Book \$32.95
Spirited away film comic Vol 1- to 5 (Manga) \$16.95 each
The Art of Spirited Away \$56.95

#### Tales from Earthsea (2discs) 115 mins M \$35.95

Across the land of Earthsea, crops have failed and livestock is dying. Evil omens have arisen and the balance of the world is in danger of tearing apart.

In search of the cause of this encroaching catastrophe, the Archmage Ged meets Arren, exiled Prince of Enlad, in flight from a nameless Shadow. Coming to Hort Town, a city known for its dangerous streets, they cross paths with Therru, an orphan girl. When Ged learns that his rival, the wizard Cob, will attempt to open the door between the realms of the living and the dead, a struggle to avert disaster begins.

Goro Miyazaki, son of Studio Ghibli founder Hayao Miyazaki (SPIRITED AWAY), makes his directorial debut with TALES FROM EARTHSEA, a tale of fantasy and adventure based on Ursula K. Le Guin's series of EARTHSEA novels.

## Whisper of the Heart 111 mins PG \$32.95

#### One magical summer, two friends will find each other...

Shizuku Tsukishima is a bit of a book-worm, spending her last summer vacation in junior high school reading and translating popular foreign music into Japanese. With aspirations to one day become a writer, Shizuku can't help but notice that the name Seiji Amasawa appears on every one of the books she borrows from the library.

Through a series of curious and magical incidents, she comes to meet Seiji and discovers he has dreams of becoming a famous violinmaker in Italy. While their life-long goals pull them in two different directions, Shizuku and Seiji are determined to remain true to their strong feelings for one another.

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