



SHOW ★★★★★ EXTRAS ★★★  
**SUPERNATURAL:  
 SEASON 4.1**

*Out of the fire and back into the frying pan...*

Long-term observers of Sam and Dean Winchester's antics will know they can get out of pretty much anything, from vampires' nests to prison cells. But you'd be forgiven for thinking there's no way Dean could get out of rotting in Hell for, well, ever, having traded his soul in exchange for bringing Sam back to life. But that's how season four kicks off: with Dean waking up on Earth. Whether he's a ghost or some kind of Chevy-driving messiah isn't immediately revealed - he can't remember a thing, and we're not about to spoil it for you.

It's a relief to see him back, though. Because however daft it seems for the brothers to have spent season three worrying about Dean burning in the lake of fire and trying to find loopholes in the deal he struck, only for him to reappear in the next season premiere, the series wouldn't work if it just centred on a pissed-off Sam instead of a double act. While Dean struggles to cope with his time in Hell, Sam lies about developing his powers and the tension between the two increases, complicated by a twist that reveals something new about their mother. Then there's the usual array of



You're going straight to hell for that shirt, son...

supernatural nasties for the boys to fight, including a seven-foot teddy bear...

The extras are a less impressive affair, especially when you consider the array of featurettes that came with the complete season three boxset. Here, you just get extended and deleted scenes and one commentary, but such are the perils of half-season releases. The full boxset out in the autumn may contain more.

You might expect the gloss to have come off *Supernatural's* monster-of-the-week

format by now, but it's still a joy to watch. Good writing and good acting have kept it fresh and the episodes in this latest set don't disappoint. It's a corker of a half-season, but you may be better off waiting for the full whack.

**Anne Wollenberg**

**FINALWORD**

*Packed with signs the apocalypse is a-coming. Happily this can't be said of the show, though it's not so super in the extras department.*



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**MOONLIGHTING:  
 SEASON 3**

**DVD RELEASED:** Out now **RRP:** £29.99 **DISCS:** 4 **CERT:** 12 **RUN TIME:** 636 mins (15 episodes) **YEAR:** 1986 **STARS:** Bruce Willis, Cybill Shepherd, Allyce Beasley **EXTRAS:** Four Commentaries; 1 featurette; Subtitles **PICTURE:** ★★★ **AUDIO:** ★★★ **OR GET IT ON... Blu-ray**

*Moonlighting* crashed and burned through seasons four and five but three is patchy too. Especially when it starts leading up to the ill-advised shark-jumping end-of-series moment where detectives David and Maddie (Willis and Shepherd) finally consummate their relationship.

But there are a few episodes here as brilliant as any *Moonlighting* ever produced, such as the one where Miss Dipesto plays ghost hunter, or the *It's A Wonderful Lifestyle* one. Best of all is 'Atomic Shakespeare', a ramped-up version of *The Taming Of The Shrew* with added ninjas. That corker also boasts the only commentary to feature Willis and Shepherd, who've clearly only just about buried the hatchets they apparently waved at each other all through the shoot.

**Ceri Thomas**

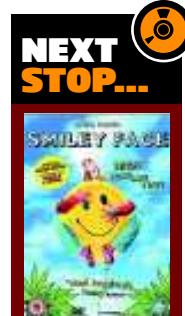


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**IDEAL: SERIES 4**

**DVD RELEASED:** Out now **RRP:** £19.56 **DISCS:** 2 **CERT:** 15 **RUN TIME:** 240 mins (8 episodes) **YEAR:** 2009 **DIRECTOR:** Ben Fuller **STARS:** Johnny Vegas, Julia Davis, Graham Duff **EXTRAS:** 2 featurettes; Storyboard; Deleted Scenes; Outtakes **PICTURE:** ★★★ **AUDIO:** ★★★

Typically for this knowingly lowbrow sitcom, the gag-reel is the funniest extra on the DVD. The two brief featurettes just aren't as memorable as Johnny Vegas' small-time dope dealer Moz imploring his girlfriend Nicki to "say something in Welsh... just a castle!" during a shag. Then again, we don't really need extras: the series' most important premise (that Moz is a loveable idiot surrounded by bigger and usually nastier people) is all you need to know. In the fourth series he suffers a heart attack (dismissed by the other characters as the result of his spliff/lager/curry diet), swaps one girlfriend for another, gets caught up in gangland warfare and sees a major antagonist killed. Vegas' charisma carries it through, making *Ideal* recommended viewing for anyone, herbally refreshed or not.

**Joel McIver**



**SMILEY FACE/  
 BONG WATER  
 (2007)**

The stupidly amusing stoner comedy *Smiley Face* comes packaged with the rather less funny *Bong Water* as an R1 import, with negligible extras but enough weed-related japes for the most committed pothead. **Film:** ★★★ **Extras:** ★



SHOW ★★★★★ EXTRAS ★★★  
**BOSTON LEGAL:  
 SEASON 5**

**DVD RELEASED:** Out now **RRP:** £34.99 **DISCS:** 4 **CERT:** 15 **RUN TIME:** 535 mins (13 episodes) **YEAR:** 2008 **STARS:** William Shatner, James Spader, Candice Bergen **EXTRAS:** 3 featurettes; 11 deleted scenes with introductions by executive producer/director; Subtitles **PICTURE:** ★★★ **AUDIO:** ★★★

"Aren't there still some time slots we haven't tried?" asks Denny Crane (Shatner), continuing *Boston Legal's* tradition of breaking the fourth wall. Its mix of the serious, comical and plain absurd still works, but the show flagged in season four and this final season feels like a natural point at which to end. It's curtains for Crane, Poole and Schmidt, but not before Denny and Alan Shore (Spader) have got engaged.

The featurettes on offer include scenes from an axed storyline reuniting Denny with a long-lost daughter, and a look at his friendship with Alan. Meanwhile, Alan continues his absurd caseload by taking on the government and the armed forces, Jerry Espenson takes a final stab at making partner and Denny panics that his penis has Alzheimer's.

**Anne Wollenberg**