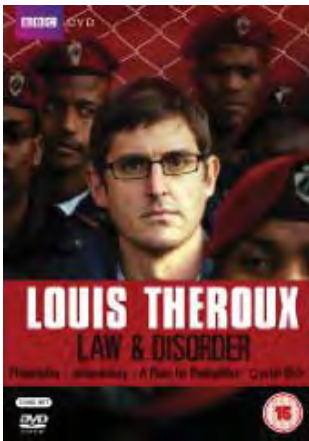


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LOUIS THEROUX - LAW AND DISORDER COLLECTION



Never one to be deemed for faint-hearted viewing, Louis Theroux once again delves into the harrowing lives of the criminally predisposed with jarring insight. Peeling away the idealistic layers of Western living, the categorically dark and sinister edge of community life for some is documented with distressing starkness.

Travelling to Johannesburg to unveil the intricacies of hardened law and disorder, Theroux's characteristic deadpan interrogations are used to full effect. Joining the police force in the Philadelphian crime

district where gun carriage is a standard custom, a jaded indicator of its 400 recorded homicides per year, he paints a complex picture of horror.

For an even greater hit of disturbing realism, Louis visits the Coalinga Mental Hospital in California, which houses more than 500 convicted paedophiles. Interviewing those undergoing treatment, it is steeped in controversy.

The last leg of his journey takes him to the crystal meth state of the US, uncovering the violent and intoxicating cycle of addictions that have shred the concept of normal living into shards of disgrace and shame. Certainly an eye-opening account of the dismal corners of human existence.

DEFIANCE

Casting a different angle on the Holocaust of World War II, this film relays the true story of a group of Jews in Eastern Europe who fought back against the Nazis, and with Daniel Craig heading up the cast, the adrenaline-pumped macho persona is well-placed.

Shying away from the horror of the massacred Jews, the three Russian Bielski brothers take refuge in the dense woodlands, living a primitive and perilous existence in hiding while attempting to regain some victory over the enemy. Forming a community with the enrolment of more refugees, the group suffer under harsh conditions for raw survival.

As the Nazis search to obliterate these deviants, the Bielski Otriad refuse to renounce their commitment to the lives of others, outlining a deeply moving and epic account of honour, vengeance and salvation.



entertainment - gaming

SHIP IT!

For the avid shipping enthusiast, Coracle has developed a downloadable game application for iPhones which will certainly get the maritime juices flowing, especially as the fun incorporates an opportunity for shipping companies to advertise their companies in the process.

The player must load the correct cargo to the correct ship and then, Ship It, and with four vessel types, tanker, dry bulk carrier, containership and ferry, this incredibly addictive game is one of a kind in the realm of maritime entertainment.

Coracle also offers the opportunity for companies to take advantage of a unique in-game advertising opportunity, branding the game with their company logo. Proving useful to seafaring students, this novel, state-of-the-art iPhone app is an exciting development for gaming geeks.

