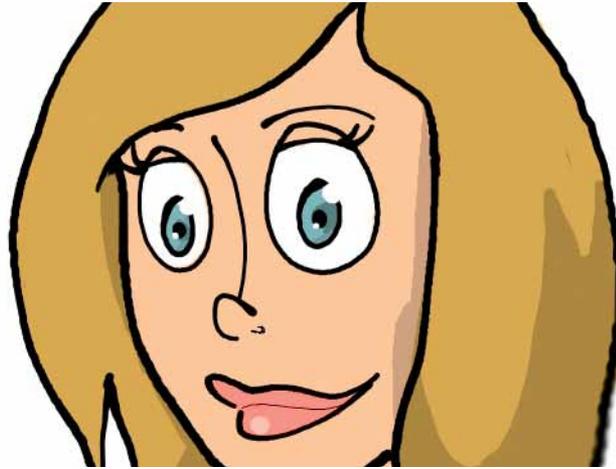


Last night a DVD saved my life Ivy Says



Taking inspiration from 'Gossip Girl' to become the anonymous blogger behind 'Ivy Says', Ivy's DVDs didn't just educate her, they shaped her.

How many DVDs do you have?

Do rip offs from Bourj Hammoud count? If so, then over 300 DVDs wrapped in bad prints and cheap plastic wrap.

You, a desert island and one DVD. Which is it?

'The Wizard Of Oz'.

What DVDs have most influenced you?

'Gossip Girl' always outs everyone's scandalous lives through her blog, and so the show made me want to become an anonymous blogger. My favourite line is one she repeats at the end of every episode: 'And who am I? That's one secret I'll never tell. You know you love me... XOXO Gossip Girl.'

What classic DVD are you ashamed to admit you've never seen?

Francis Ford Coppola's 'The Godfather'.

Are there any rare, obscure or just plain weird DVDs you'd recommend to Time Out readers?

I recommend 'Underground' by Emir Kusturica, one of the

wackiest black comedies I've seen. It tells the tale of two rambunctious thugs from Belgrade who work as weapon smugglers during WWII and both fall in love with a quirky actress who's also a culprit in a big scam. It will put you in a trance.

What was the last DVD you cried to?

This may come off as a tad unusual but I couldn't get a hold of myself when I watched 'The Last Lions', a documentary by the National Geographic Channel. It tells the tale of the epic journey of a single lioness mother in Botswana that conquers the impossible to survive. Trust me, it's not your ordinary nature flick. I've seen grown men reduced to tears over this one.

Describe your perfect night in with a DVD.

Horizontally on my ridiculously comfortable ostrich-feather filled couch with my man and pet pooch, on hand a tub of Ben and Jerry's chocolate cheesecake ice cream and an unlimited supply of blackcurrant violet macarons from Ladurée, watching one of my all-time favourite classics, 'Roman Holiday' starring Audrey Hepburn.

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