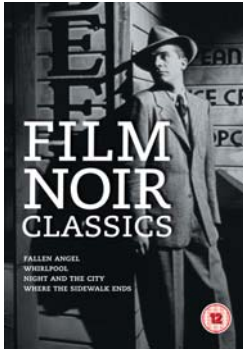


DVD press release



Film Noir Classics

Bringing together four all-time classic titles from two of the world's most celebrated directors, this essential BFI box set, in collaboration with Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, delivers that unique combination of intrigue, moral ambiguity and stylish black and white photography which truly defines this much loved Hollywood genre.

Fallen Angel (Otto Preminger, 1945)

Eric Stanton (Dana Andrews) is a down-on-his-luck press agent who falls for the beautiful Stella (Linda Darnell). When Stella is found murdered, Eric becomes the main suspect. Using his investigative instincts to find the real murderer, Eric soon makes a shocking discovery. Extra feature: Original theatrical trailer and on screen biographies.

Whirlpool (Otto Preminger, 1949)

Ann Sutton (Gene Tierney) is the well-dressed wife of a successful psychoanalyst (Richard Conte). When she is arrested for shoplifting, the scandal is averted by the intervention of a sinister hypnotist (José Ferrer). However, Ann soon finds herself caught up in a web of blackmail and murder. Extra feature: On screen biographies.

Night and the City (Jules Dassin, 1950)

Harry Fabian (Richard Widmark), a small-time American nightclub tout, dreams of entering the wrestling rackets of post-war London. Scheming with his long-suffering girlfriend (Gene Tierney) and the sultry wife of a nightclub owner (Googie Withers), he attempts to take on the racketeers. Extras features: Interview with Jules Dassin, commentary by Paul Duncan and comparison of the US and UK versions.

Where the Sidewalk Ends (Otto Preminger, 1950)

Mark Dixon (Dana Andrews) is a brutal cop whose harsh methods get him in trouble with his superiors. When he accidentally kills a murder suspect he knows he is finished if he's discovered. He decides to dispose of the body and pin the murder on someone else. Soon he will pay the ultimate price. Extra feature: Original theatrical trailer and on screen biographies.

This set includes an illustrated booklet with essays, cast and credits.

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Fallen Angel: USA / b&w / 98 mins / Original aspect ratio 1.33:1

Whirlpool: USA / b&w / 93 mins / Original aspect ratio 1.33:1

Night and the City: UK / b&w / 92 mins / Original aspect ratio 1.33:1

Where the Sidewalk Ends: USA / b&w / 91 mins / Original aspect ratio 1.33:1

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