

DVD Review: 'Stargate Atlantis: The Complete Series'

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CHICAGO – The world of TV on DVD is running out of candidates for lavish “Complete Series” box sets. The fact is that there hasn’t been a major hit that shut down shop in awhile and there’s been something of a gap in the production of these multi-disc gift sets between “Battlestar Galactica” and this summer’s highly anticipated “Lost” set.



Blu-Ray Rating: **3.5/5.0**

The dearth of new network hits and the low per-season quantity of episodes for cable hits is going to make 26-disc sets like the new one for “Stargate Atlantis” fewer and farther between. (For example, even a long-running show like “Entourage” has at least two seasons to go before it gets to 100 episodes.) And sometimes quantity is king. Sometimes you just want something gigantic on your shelf to impress your friends in much the same way that people drive giant SUVs and the massive “Stargate Atlantis” set should get the job done.



Stargate Atlantis: The Complete Series was released on DVD on March 23rd, 2010.

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Of course, most “SGA” fans are screaming that this is a ridiculous intro to their favorite show and that it’s all about what’s in the box, not the size of it. Personally, I’m not a big fan of any “Stargate” incarnation - film or television. With all the quality television sci-fi in the last decade, “Stargate Atlantis” pales by comparison and I’d much rather show off season sets of “Battlestar Galactica,” “Lost,” or even “Star Trek:

Enterprise".

Having said that, I get why the show is appealing to so many viewers. It's popcorn entertainment; the B-movie of TV science fiction and it's more entertaining than people who have never given it a chance might think. The show isn't nearly as intellectually satisfying as some of its peers but sometimes you just want to have a good time and MGM's box set gives fans that and more.

The set basically just compiles the five season releases of "Stargate Atlantis" complete with previously available special features which are unbelievably copious and extensive. Forget the show. Fans could spend days with just the special features. Every disc of the 26-disc set features as many special features as most entire season sets including featurettes, commentaries, etc. The set also includes a bonus disc with "Mission 100: Atlantis Reaches a Milestone" and "Stargate Atlantis: A Retrospective".

There are too many commentaries and featurettes to list here. Suffice it to say that nearly every episode has an audio track and/or a featurette about its production.

If you already own all five seasons of "Stargate: Atlantis," I can't imagine that you need the bonus disc that badly to spend a couple hundred dollars on what is basically one new disc and a pretty box. I think this set works best for those of you that liked the show but never bought it or merely picked up a single season or two. Of course, season set collectors might want to clear some shelf space too.

'Stargate Atlantis: The Complete Series' was released by MGM Home Video and stars Joe Flanigan, Rachel Luttrell, David Hewlett, Jason Momoa, Torri Higginson, Paul McGillion, David Nyki, and Chuck Campbell. It was created by Robert C. Cooper & Brad Wright. It was released on DVD on March 23rd, 2010. It is not rated.



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