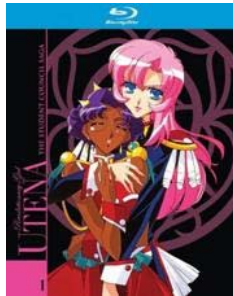


For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



ANIME MANGA Revolutionary Girl Utena Set 1



RightStuff's Revolutionary Girl Utena Set 1: The Student Council Saga Blu-ray contains episodes 1-12.

Deep in despair and troubled as a young child Utena thought that all hope was lost and her life was in shambles.

But, miraculously, a prince, smelling of rosebuds and with these words saved her from devastation, "Never lose that strength or nobility, even when you grow up."

Upon departure he gave her a ring and a promise that somehow, someday, the ring would lead her back to him when he is needed.

Inspired by the Prince's compassion, kindness and presence Utena vowed right then and there to become like the Prince and help others in their times of need.

It seems her vow is about to be tested.

High-spirited and unafraid to speak her mind when the occasion warrants it, Utena finds herself in rather precarious situation as she attends the prestigious Ohtori Academy.

Her sense of honor and chivalry has placed her at odds, and in confrontation, with the rather snooty members of the school's student council.

For reasons unbeknownst to her, her chivalry has thrust her into a series of mysterious, dangerous and puzzling duels against the council's members.

Why the challenges and what of the other students of the Academy-one in particular?

Like many Japanese Anime Utena is not always what it appears to be on the screen.

Subtle innuendos, references and images can lead to some rather unexpected conclusions.

Still, the series is much beloved for its stunning visual effects, strong character design and implementation and engrossing storyline that offer just enough unexpected twists and turns to keep the viewer hooked.

Included are TV promotional spots, a clean opening and closing and more.

Help get ARIA get dubbed and put out on Blu-ray via RightStuff's Thunderclap Kickstart Campaign: <https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/61044-nozomi-kickstarter-to-dub-aria>.

BOOKS The World of James Bond

To most James Bond the British Super Spy is someone they've seen at the movies.

To the older generation James Bond was the literary creation of writer Ian Fleming that sprung to life in the 1950s.

James Bond books rocketed to popularity when President John Kennedy mentioned that the James Bond novels were some of his favorite reading material.

When the first James Bond movie came out in the early 1960s, starring Sean Connery as the suave spy, the movie became a big hit overseas and an even bigger sensation in the United States.

From that point on James Bond became an institution known around the world.

Author Jeremy Black examines the literary and big screen adventures of Bond in his new book, *The World Of James Bond* published by Rowman & Littlefield.

In his book the author delves how the James Bond books and films reflected the times they were released in.

The Cold War, the sexual revolution, the drug culture, the counter-culture-all of the changes and events that shaped the decades are intertwined with the James Bond legacy.

Class, race, gender, changing social norms, and other events and phenomenon of the times are all represented in one form or another in the Bond literary and film releases.

As times changed, Bond changed. Nowhere is that more evident than with the various actors that portrayed Bond. Each represented a certain aspect of Bond intricately linked with the time the Bond films were released.

Bond himself transformed from a hard-nosed assassin to womanizer to partnering with women that were his equal then to a back to hard-edged killer.

From Connery to Craig, James Bond has evolved and adapted to fit the times and promises to do so for another 50 years.

DC Comics, Harry Potter, U.S. Presidents and Space

Looking at the above headline you're probably wondering to yourself, "What in the world do these have in common with each other?"

They're games. Yep, you read right-they're games. But not just any games. They're Top Trump Card Games. If you're a game novice like me you probably have been intimidated by such card games as Magic.

Stats, strategy, powers, deck and hand combinations and the like can get out of hand and can be confusing. What should be a simple game can drag on for hours and if you're a novice you quickly become fodder for veteran game players.

Add that to the fact that not everyone has the free time to hang out at game stores and play for hours on end, even into late evening, and it's easy to understand why many newbies become frustrated and give up playing altogether.

Such games are usually not made for young children and that leads to even more frustration.

Never fear! Top Trumps has made playing card games fun again, while challenging both young and old for two to six players.

The game is simple. Player One looks at their top card, selects the best category and calls out the number.

All Other Players call out their highest number from the same category. The highest number wins and the winner gets all the other players cards.

The winner of the round selects the next category and calls out a number.

The game ends when someone gets all the cards. Simple, fun and fast!

What makes the game especially fun is that you learn as you play.

Each card provides fascinating facts about the subject played. You actually get smarter as you play.

For example: The 'U.S. Presidents' cards teach about Presidents and American history,

The 'DC Comics' cards showcases art of DC characters and lists their powers, strengths, etc.

The 'Space' cards lets gamers play and discover all sorts of interesting facts about the universe and the space program.

The 'Harry Potter' cards clues players into the characters of the Harry Potter universe with information on their past history, powers, etc.

All of the cards are printed on heavy paper stock, feature beautiful full-color art or photos and come in special flip-open carry packs that protect the cards between games.

Imagine—players learn, strategize, challenge their problem-solving skills and have games that will last for years secure in their heavy-duty, protective cases.

What could be better? How about—the whole family can play-real social interaction!?

Baby Stella and Groovy Girls!

Soft, pliable and cuddly dolls are all the rage.

The reasons are many: they're safe for small children, easy to clean, small children love the soft feel of the dolls and kids can toss and drop them without them breaking.

Manhattan Toy has two series of soft dolls that kids (both boys and girls) are sure to love.

They are 'Groovy Girls!' and 'Baby Stella'. Both are perfect for little hands, soft, cuddly and come dressed in adorable outfits.

groovy girls.jpgGroovy Girl! Lily stands about one foot tall and has long brown hair made of yarn. Her body is made of stitched together, fuzzy fabric that feels warm and soft to small hands.

Her head, legs and arms are securely sewn to her torso.

Her outfit consists of a bold pattern and colorful sundress, with twin, small shoulder straps, a white t-shirt undergarment, yellow shoes and a bright pink ribbon on her left wrist.

Her slightly tan complexion complements her outfit.

She has large blue eyes, a big toothy smile and red earrings decorate her ears.

Velcro strips allow small children to take her dress off and her t-shirt slips easily off her torso.

Lily makes for a perfect, perky companion that kids are sure to love, cherish and play with for years to come.

baby stella.jpgBaby Stella is a soft, hand-crafted doll with lifelike toes, belly button and cute plump tummy.

The Baby Stella Beige Doll comes with a two-tone, pink magnetic pacifier, a floral design outer garment and pink with white polka dots panties that cover her white diaper.

Her arms and legs move freely, the magnetic pacifier stays in place over her mouth via the hidden magnet in her torso and pacifier and her sparse, brown hair mop top sets off her brown eyes, cute smile and button nose.

Baby Stella comes packaged in an open-face, heavy card stock box and is secured in place by small plastic ties that detach easily without any damage to the doll.

Baby Stella encourages youngsters to nurture and care and how to dress and undress.

She's soft, sweet and so cute!

Both the Groovy Girls! and Baby Stella series of dolls aid small children with dexterity, encourages imaginations and assist them in learning how to dress and undress.

Both sets of dolls come in a variety of complexions and attire, include baby dolls and have special furniture and accessories available.

Anyway you look at them they are the perfect soft dolls for little hands.



Wonder Woman

Actress Gal Gadot dominates the screen as DC Comics' Amazon princess warrior in the Warner Bros. film 'Wonder Woman'.



World-wide receipts have topped the \$800 million mark and the film has distinguished itself by being the most popular and record-breaking female director film and female action star outing. Take heed Batman and Superman!

The film faithfully follows the Wonder Woman mythos with a few surprises thrown in for good measure.

When WWI pilot Steve Trevor (played by Chris Pine) crash lands on the Amazon island, Princess Diana saves him from a watery fate and brings him to her mother the queen.

Most of the Amazons have never seen a man before and for good reason as mentioned in the film.

When Steve warns them that the war threatens their own island paradise the Amazons take action. Diana distinguishes herself with her warrior prowess and against her mother's wishes travels to 'man's world' to aid against the forces of darkness-especially those of a diabolical scientist.

Expertly film and acted the film is gorgeous in its scope with moody, often luscious and dismal backdrops, a compelling storyline, great characters (both good and bad), some incredible visual and practical effects and amazing stunt work.

This is the film DC Comic Book fans have dreamed about. Kudos to Warner Bros.!

Now you can enjoy the film in your own home watching the Blu-ray/DVD/Digital Combo Pack that also includes lots of fun extras: an epilogue, a director spotlight, extended scenes, a blooper reel and so much more.

Dare I say it!? It's a wonder!



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