

## THE STUPIDS

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Available to buy on DVD February 10, 2004

Director: John Landis

Starring: Tom Arnold, Jessica Lundy, Bug Hall, Alex McKenna, Mark Metcalf, Matt Keeslar, Frankie Faison, Christopher Lee, Jenny McCarthy and Robert Keeshon

MPAA Rating: PG for some violence

Total Running Time: 94 Minutes

DVD Order Date: January 13, 2004

“Madcap Fun”

Phil Villareal, The Arizona Daily Star

THE STUPIDS, BASED ON THE SUCCESSFUL

CHILDREN’S BOOK SERIES,

ARRIVES ON DVD FOR THE FIRST TIME

FROM NEW LINE HOME ENTERTAINMENT

Los Angeles (November 11, 2003) New Line Home Entertainment today announced the DVD release of the family film, *The Stupids*, available on February 10, 2004 for \$14.97. *The Stupids*, based on the immensely popular children’s storybooks by Harry G. Allard and James Marshall, stars Tom Arnold (*Austin Powers International Man of Mystery*, TV’s “*The Best Damn Sports Show*”) and Jessica Lundy (*Rocket Man*, *Single White Female*). Directed by John Landis (*Animal House*, *An American Werewolf in London*, *Trading Places*, *The Blues Brothers*) the film also features many cameos, most notably Landis’ director friends who came out from behind the camera to make rare on camera appearances. *The Stupids* is currently available on VHS.

Tom Arnold stars as Stanley Stupid, the head of a typical suburban American family unfortunately filled with good-natured idiots who thoroughly live up to their name. When Mr. and Mrs. Stupid suspect someone of “stealing” their garbage, Stanley sets off to find the evil litter looter. In his effort to get to the bottom of this heinous crime,

Stanley lays a cunning trap to lure back the thieves. As expected, they take the bait, and he follows their getaway truck to the dump where he inadvertently stumbles on a covert weapons deal led by a couple of military men gone bad. Completely oblivious to what the Colonel and his sidekick are up to, Stanley believes there is a more sinister element at work --that a diabolical figure from his past is behind the theft of all that fine garbage people have worked so hard to create. When the family reunites to track down the criminal, they are thoroughly convinced that they have discovered a bizarre conspiracy involving the police, the post office, the newspaper, international terrorists, the local Chinese restaurant...and aliens. As the family wreaks havoc and confusion throughout the city, the Stupid clan manages to come out on top through sheer dumb luck.

The Stupids features not only Arnold and Lundy, but Bug Hall (The Little Rascals) and Alex McKenna (What Women Want) as Buster and Petunia Stupid, as well as Mark Metcalf (Drive Me Crazy), Matt Keeslar (Scream 3), Frankie Faison (Red Dragon), Christopher Lee (The Lord of the Rings: The Motion Picture Trilogy), Jennie McCarthy (Scary Movie 3) and Robert Keeshon (otherwise known as Captain Kangaroo). Director cameos include David Cronenberg (Dead Ringers), Robert Wise (The Sound of Music), Gurinder Chadha (Bend it Like Beckham), Costa-Gavras (Missing), Atom Egoyan (The Sweet Hereafter), Norman Jewison (Moonstruck) and Mick Garris (Sleepwalkers).

The DVD features widescreen (1.85:1) and fullscreen versions of the film with 5.1 Surround Sound, Stereo Surround Sound, English subtitles, closed captions and animated menus. The original theatrical trailer will also be on the DVD as well as trailers for other New Line Cinema releases.

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