

Survivors - DVD releases (2003 to 2008)

A guide to the different releases of *Survivors* (1975-1977) on DVD by **DD Video**, **DD Home Entertainment** and **2|entertain**

Each release has its own different artwork, packaging and promotional presentation. The focus here is on recording differences in **content** - for comparative purposes.

Series one

Release	Episodes	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	Cast and crew interviews	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	On location cine-film
DD Video 2003	All 13 episodes included uncut	None	<i>The Fourth Horseman</i> (Carolyn Seymour and Pennant Roberts); <i>Law and Order</i> (Lucy Fleming and Ian McCulloch)	36-page, full-colour, illustrated booklet	Carolyn Seymour, Lucy Fleming, Ian McCulloch, Pennant Roberts and Tanya Ronder	BBC publicity stills; cast photos	Seven chapters for each episode – text based navigation	Short, silent 16mm cinefilm recording, shot on location during filming of <i>A Beginning</i>
DD Home Entertainment 2005	All 13 episodes included uncut	All episodes, commentaries and special features subtitled	<i>The Fourth Horseman</i> (Carolyn Seymour and Pennant Roberts); <i>Law and Order</i> (Lucy Fleming and Ian McCulloch)	36-page, full-colour, illustrated booklet	Carolyn Seymour, Lucy Fleming, Ian McCulloch, Pennant Roberts and Tanya Ronder	BBC publicity stills; cast photos	Seven chapters for each episode – text based navigation	Short, silent 16mm cinefilm recording, shot on location during filming of <i>A Beginning</i>
2 entertain ¹ 2008 <i>(Released as part of three-series boxset – not available separately)</i>	All 13 episodes included uncut	All episodes subtitled	None	None	None	Selection of BBC stills from series one, two and three; Lucy Fleming photos from series two and three	Eight chapters for each episode – thumbnail based navigation	None

Series two

Release	Episodes	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	Cast and crew interviews	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation
DD Video 2004	All 13 episodes included uncut	None	<i>Lights of London II</i> (Denis Lill and Pennant Roberts)	44-page, full-colour, illustrated booklet	Lorna Lewis, Denis Lill, Heather Wright and Pennant Roberts	BBC publicity stills; cast photos	Seven chapters for each episode – text based navigation
2 entertain ¹ 2008 <i>(Released as part of three-series boxset – not available separately)</i>	All 13 episodes included uncut	All episodes subtitled	None	None	None	Selection of BBC stills from series one, two and three; Lucy Fleming photos from series two and three	Seven chapters for each episode – thumbnail based navigation

Series three

Release	Episodes	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	New World Rising documentary	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	Easter egg
DD Home Entertainment ² 2005	All 12 episodes included uncut	All episodes, episode commentaries and special features subtitled	<i>Law of the Jungle</i> (Peter Jefferies and Lucy Fleming); <i>Mad Dog</i> (Tristan de Vere Cole and Morris Perry)	40-page, full-colour, illustrated booklet	Hour-plus documentary featuring contributions from Stephen Dudley, Lucy Fleming, Peter Jefferies, Tristan de Vere Cole and author Rich Cross	BBC publicity stills; cast photos	Seven chapters for each episode – text based navigation	Additional interview with Stephen Dudley recalling the filming of <i>Survivors</i> first series
2 entertain ¹ 2008 <i>(Released as part of three-series boxset – not available separately)</i>	All 12 episodes included uncut	All episodes subtitled	None	None	None	Selection of BBC stills from series one, two and three; Lucy Fleming photos from series two and three	Eight chapters for each episode – thumbnail based navigation	None

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Release	Episodes	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	New World Rising documentary	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	'Cult of... Survivors' documentary
2 entertain 2008	All 38 episodes included uncut	All episodes subtitled	None	None	None	Selection of BBC stills from series one, two and three; Lucy Fleming photos from series two and three	Eight chapters for each episode – thumbnail based navigation	30-minute BBC Four documentary featuring Ian McCulloch, Lucy Fleming, Pennant Roberts, Carolyn Seymour, Martin Worth and journalist Steve O'Brien ⁴

Notes:

1. The **2|entertain** *Survivors* DVD release in 2008 was as a three-series box-set. The comparison with the DD Video and DD Home Entertainment single series releases (2003-2005) is intended for illustrative purposes only – to show what materials are included and excluded in each version.
2. The planned re-release of series two, complete with subtitles, was scuppered by the collapse of **DD Home Entertainment** in August 2007. The company re-emerged as **Simply Media** which continue to distribute (via wholesale and direct mail) the remaining DVD stocks, until the licence reverted to the BBC and 2|entertain.
3. Prior to the collapse of **DD Home Entertainment**, the company had scheduled a release of a three-series boxset of *Survivors*, which would have included all of the special features of the individual series boxsets that it had already released.
4. *The Cult of... Survivors* documentary was first broadcast on BBC Four on 5 December 2006, as part of a series of *Cult of...* documentaries (which included episodes on *Blake's 7* and *Doomwatch*) during the channel's Science Fiction Britannia season.

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Survivors: A World Away<http://www.survivors-mad-dog.org.uk/a-world-away>

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