

# Survivors - DVD releases (2003 to 2010)

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

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 (UK, Region 2)

Release	Episodes	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	Cast and crew interviews	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	On location cine-film	'Cult of... Survivors' documentary
<b>DD Video</b> 2003	All 13 episodes included uncut	<b>None</b>	<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>	<b>None</b>
<b>DD Home Entertainment</b> 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>	<b>None</b>
<b>2 entertain</b> <sup>1</sup> 2008  <i>(Released as part of three-series boxset – not available separately)</i>	All 13 episodes included uncut	All episodes subtitled	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	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	<b>None</b>	30-minute BBC Four documentary featuring Ian McCulloch, Lucy Fleming, Pennant Roberts, Carolyn Seymour, Martin Worth and journalist Steve O'Brien

**Series two (UK, Region 2)**

Release	Episodes	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	Cast and crew interviews	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	'Cult of... Survivors' documentary
<b>DD Video</b> 2004	All 13 episodes included uncut	<b>None</b>	<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	<b>None</b>
<b>2 entertain</b> <sup>1</sup> 2008 <i>(Released as part of three-series boxset – not available separately)</i>	All 13 episodes included uncut	All episodes subtitled	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	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	30-minute BBC Four documentary featuring Ian McCulloch, Lucy Fleming, Pennant Roberts, Carolyn Seymour, Martin Worth and journalist Steve O'Brien

**Series three (UK, Region 2)**

Release	Episodes	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	New World Rising documentary	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	Easter egg	'Cult of... Survivors' documentary
<b>DD Home Entertainment</b> <sup>2</sup> 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	<b>None</b>
<b>2 entertain</b> <sup>1</sup> 2008 <i>(Released as part of three-series boxset – not available separately)</i>	All 12 episodes included uncut	All episodes subtitled	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	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	<b>None</b>	30-minute BBC Four documentary featuring Ian McCulloch, Lucy Fleming, Pennant Roberts, Carolyn Seymour, Martin Worth and journalist Steve O'Brien

**Complete three series box set <sup>3</sup> (UK, Region 2)**

Release	Episodes	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	New World Rising documentary	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	'Cult of... Survivors' documentary
<b>2 entertain</b> 2008	All 38 episodes included uncut	All episodes subtitled	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	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 <sup>4</sup>

*Details of the Italian DVD releases and the Region 1 DVD follow on the next page.*

**Series one, two and three ‘part-week’ (Italy, Region 2)**

Release	Audio	Episodes	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	New World Rising documentary	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	‘Cult of... Survivors’ documentary
<b>Hobby &amp; Work</b> 2009	Italian (dubbed) and English	All 38 episodes included uncut – on 19 discs, sold as ‘part-works’	All episodes subtitled - <i>in Italian</i>	<b>None</b>	An original short illustrated booklet in each release; and illustrated card backing – <i>in Italian</i>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	Navigable chapter points at start and end of episode only	<b>None</b>

**Series one (Italy, Region 2)**

Release	Audio	Episodes	Cast and crew interviews	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	On location cine-film	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	‘Cult of... Survivors’ documentary
<b>Yamato Video</b> 2009	<i>Italian</i> (dubbed) and English	All 13 episodes included uncut	Carolyn Seymour, Lucy Fleming, Ian McCulloch, Pennant Roberts and Tanya Ronder (audio in English only; subtitles in <i>Italian</i> only) <sup>5</sup>	All episodes subtitled - <i>in Italian</i>	<b>None</b>	32-page illustrated full-colour booklet – <i>in Italian</i>	Short, silent 16mm cinefilm recording, shot on location during filming of <i>A Beginning</i> <sup>6</sup>	<b>None</b>	Navigable chapter points at start and end of episode only	<b>None</b>

**Series two (Italy, Region 2)**

Release	Audio	Episodes	Cast and crew interviews	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	‘Cult of... Survivors’ documentary
<b>Yamato Video</b> 2009	<i>Italian</i> (dubbed) and English	All 13 episodes included uncut	Lorna Lewis, Denis Lill, Heather Wright and Pennant Roberts (audio in English only; subtitles in <i>Italian</i> only) <sup>7</sup>	All episodes subtitled - <i>in Italian</i>	<b>None</b>	32-page illustrated full-colour booklet – <i>in Italian</i>	<b>None</b>	Navigable chapter points at start and end of episode only	<b>None</b>

**Series three (Italy, Region 2)**

Release	Audio	Episodes	Cast and crew interviews	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	'Cult of... Survivors' documentary
<b>Yamato Video</b> 2009	<i>Italian</i> (dubbed) and English	All 12 episodes included uncut	Hour-plus documentary featuring contributions from Stephen Dudley, Lucy Fleming, Peter Jefferies, Tristan de Vere Cole and author Rich Cross (audio in English only; subtitles in <i>Italian</i> only) <sup>8</sup>	All episodes subtitled - in <i>Italian</i>	<b>None</b>	32-page illustrated full-colour booklet – in <i>Italian</i>	<b>None</b>	Navigable chapter points at start and end of episode only	<b>None</b>

**Complete three series box (USA, Region 1)**

Release	Episodes	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	New World Rising documentary	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	'Cult of... Survivors' documentary
<b>Warner Home Video</b> 2010	All 38 episodes included uncut – on six double-sided DVDs	All episodes subtitled	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	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 <sup>4</sup>

**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.
5. The interview content on this **Yamato Video** release is identical to that included in the original **DD Video** release of series one in 2003 (but with the addition of Italian subtitles).
6. The silent cine-footage on this **Yamato Video** release is identical to that included in the original **DD Video** release of series one in 2003 (but with the addition of Italian subtitles).
7. The interview content on this **Yamato Video** release is identical to that included in the original **DD Video** release of series two in 2004 (but with the addition of Italian subtitles).
8. The documentary on this **Yamato Video** release is identical to that included in the original **DD Home Entertainment** release of series three in 2005 (but with the addition of Italian subtitles).

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**Survivors: A World Away**

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

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