

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... <i>Survivors</i> ' documentary
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 cine-film recording, shot on location during filming of <i>A Beginning</i>	None
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 cine-film recording, shot on location during filming of <i>A Beginning</i>	None
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	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... <i>Survivors</i> ' documentary
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	None
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	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	<i>New World Rising</i> documentary	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	Easter egg	'Cult of... <i>Survivors</i> ' documentary
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	None
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	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 3 (UK, Region 2)

Release	Episodes	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	<i>New World Rising</i> documentary	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	'Cult of... <i>Survivors</i> ' 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

*Details of the **Italian** Region 2 DVD releases and the **American and Canadian** Region 1 DVD release follow on the next page.*

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

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

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
Yamato Video 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) ⁵	All episodes subtitled - <i>in Italian</i>	None	32-page illustrated full-colour booklet – <i>in Italian</i>	Short, silent 16mm cine-film recording, shot on location during filming of <i>A Beginning</i> ⁶	None	Navigable chapter points at start and end of episode only	None

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
Yamato Video 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) ⁷	All episodes subtitled - <i>in Italian</i>	None	32-page illustrated full-colour booklet – <i>in Italian</i>	None	Navigable chapter points at start and end of episode only	None

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
Yamato Video 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) ⁸	All episodes subtitled - in <i>Italian</i>	None	32-page illustrated full-colour booklet – in <i>Italian</i>	None	Navigable chapter points at start and end of episode only	None

Complete three series box (USA, Region 1)

Release	Episodes	Cast and crew interviews	Subtitles	Episode commentaries	Viewing Notes booklet	<i>New World Rising</i> documentary	Photo galleries	Chapter navigation	'Cult of... <i>Survivors</i> ' documentary
Warner Home Video 2010	All 38 episodes included uncut – on six double-sided DVDs	None	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 box-set of *Survivors*, which would have included all of the special features of the individual series box-sets 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

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