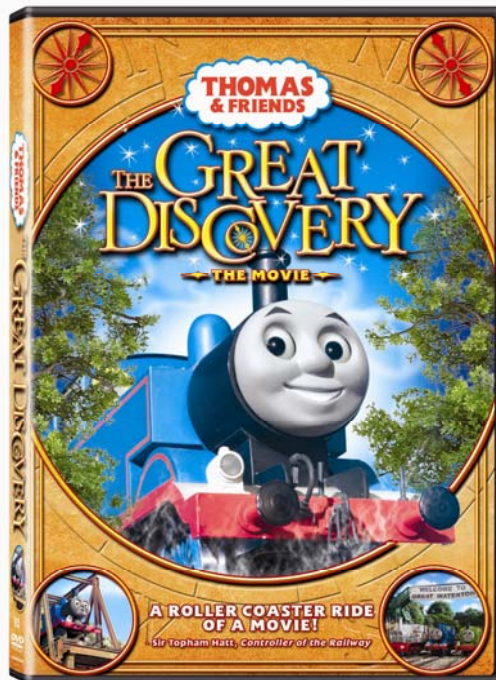




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**Full-Steam Ahead With An All-New *Thomas & Friends™* Movie
Featuring Pierce Brosnan As The New Narrator!**



All New, Direct-to-DVD Movie

***Thomas & Friends™: The Great Discovery*
Is The Biggest Event Of The Year For The #1 Preschool Brand!
From Lionsgate/HIT Entertainment**

Street Date: 9/9/08

Order Date: 8/13/08

DVD SRP: \$19.98

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Everyone's favorite blue engine puffs into new and uncharted territory in ***Thomas & Friends: The Great Discovery Movie***, the first-ever feature length *Thomas & Friends* DVD release, and the first Thomas title narrated by Pierce Brosnan. Available Sept. 9 from Lionsgate and HIT Entertainment, young engineers will meet a new engine named Stanley and follow Thomas on his greatest adventure yet. Also featuring favorite engines James, Duncan, Gordon, Emily, Percy and Edward,

and coaches Annie and Clarabel – ***Thomas & Friends: The Great Discovery*** introduces 5 new original songs, including the new dance-along music video “Thomas You’re the Leader” featuring Thomas and his friends.

With his enduring grin, cheeky personality and expressive eyes, Thomas and his Really Useful Engines – each with their distinctive personalities - have captivated children everywhere with their timeless life lessons of discovery, friendship and cooperation. Thomas the Tank Engine has over 60 years of rich history, and *Thomas & Friends* ranks as the #1 brand for preschool boys in both toys and entertainment!

The Great Discovery movie is the biggest *Thomas & Friends* event of the year! Great Discovery-themed toys and licensed product will be available at retail this fall and will continue to be promoted throughout the Holiday season.

DVD SYNOPSIS

Join Thomas in his biggest adventure yet! One day, while racing James across the Island of Sodor, Thomas discovers Great Waterton, a long-lost deserted town high in the mountains. Everyone on the island is thrilled with his discovery and Sir Topham Hatt, controller of the railway, declares that the town will be restored to mark Sodor Day!

Thomas is given the important job of overseeing the restorations. While Thomas is busy, a new engine arrives on the Island – Stanley. Stanley is similar to Thomas only a bit bigger, a bit stronger and in Thomas’ eyes a bit more popular. Thomas feels his position as the Island of Sodor’s #1 engine is under threat and he decides to play a trick on Stanley to make him look silly. The plan backfires, and Thomas finds himself in trouble. While lost, Thomas stumbles into an action-packed adventure down an old mineshaft, along a raging river and leaping over huge mountainous chasms!

Sir Topham Hatt orders the biggest search ever and who should come to Thomas’s rescue, but none other than Stanley! On the way back to town Stanley breaks down and now it’s Thomas’s turn to do the rescuing. The two engines make a great team and with their friendship now on track Stanley and Thomas finish the restoration of Great Waterton in time for Sodor Day.

DVD SPECIAL FEATURES

- Behind-the-Scenes featurette with Pierce Brosnan
- Learn With Thomas featurettes:
 - “Spot the Difference”
 - “Tough Trucks”
 - “Thomas Puzzle Parts”
- “Thomas You’re the Leader” music video

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Year of Production: 2008

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Type: Home Entertainment Premiere

Rating: NR

Genre: Children/Family/Animated/Ages 2-5

Closed Captioned: English Closed Captioned

Format: Full Screen

Feature Running Time: 60 minutes

DVD Audio Status: English, French and Spanish 2.0 Dolby Digital

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