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Inspired by the immensely influential Depression-era sociological studies by Robert and Helen Lynd, this Emmy-winning six-part film series, made for PBS in 1982, documents middle-class life, American values and customs in “Middletown” - a.k.a. Muncie, Indiana, through the prisms of local politics, high school sports, a family business, religion, marriage and divorce, and interracial dating.

The series includes *Community of Praise* directed by renowned documentary filmmaker Richard Leacock with Marisa Silver; *The Campaign*, that the Atlanta Constitution called “a classic slice of Americana”; and *Seventeen*, the controversial, “truly scandalous” (Village Voice), film that was canceled from broadcast and had to be released separately in theaters and won the Grand Jury Prize Documentary at the Sundance Film Festival.

BOX SET INCLUDES:

- Disc 1: The Campaign, directed by Tom Cohen
The Big Game, directed by E.J. Vaughn
- Disc 2: Second Time Around, directed by Peter Davis
Community of Praise, directed by Richard Leacock & Marisa Silver
- Disc 3: Family Business, directed by Tom Cohen
Bonus: Filmed interview with Peter Davis
- Disc 4: Seventeen, directed by Joel DeMott & Jeff Kreines
- Bonus: 16-page booklet with new essays by Peter Davis and research consultant Professor Joseph Trimmer

“A MONUMENTAL PIECE OF WORK!”
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“MARVELOUS... AS CLOSE TO A GENUINE SLICE OF LIFE AS TELEVISION CAN MUSTER.”
— LOS ANGELES TIMES

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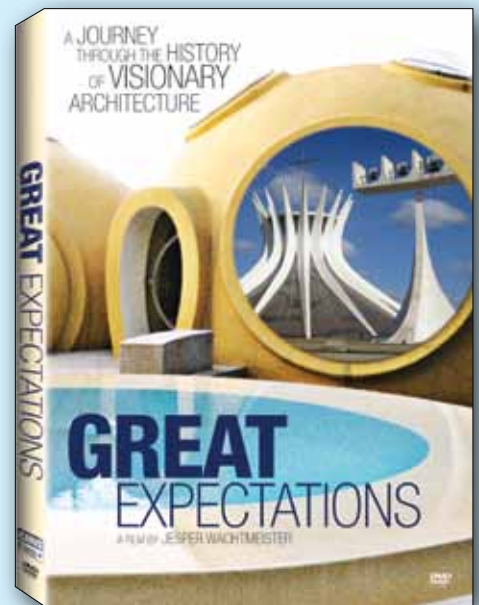
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