

DVD

FIRST BLOOD and **RAMBO: FIRST BLOOD PART II** Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna (1982 and 1985, Artisan, R, \$24.98 each) Deluxe repackaging of Stallone's Reagan-era reclamation of the Vietnam War. *First* holds up surprisingly well, while the bigger-in-every-way *Rambo* is much sillier. *First* sports engaging commentary from David Morrell, author of the original novel; *Rambo's* track from director

George Pan Cosmatos and a Joseph Campbell-ish 25-minute docu are snoozes. Both discs offer read-aloud production notes and cast bios that scroll by themselves (on most DVDs, you advance the text). No word from Sly, but a trivia game from *First* reveals that he modeled his characterization on James Dean in *East of Eden*. *First*: **B-** The extras: **B**; *Rambo*: **C-** The extras: **C-** —Michael Giltz