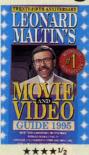
## Rating the Guides







rying to decide on a video guide? Probably not, but now that you ask....Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide (\$7.99) was the first, and it's still the best—scrupulously fact-checked and very opinionated (he still refuses to give Blade Runner its due). Two of his many competitors, alas, just don't match up. Video Movie Guide 1995 (\$16) mimics video-store layouts with sections devoted to comedies, Westerns, etc. But that just makes movies harder to look up. The Blockbuster guide (\$7.99) has the most flicks, but it's a slapdash affair full of really dumb mistakes.