Subject: The 4400 Season One
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I asked the local library to get this because I like sciencefiction. It turns out that the first season as such is prettyshort: just 2 discs with about 7 programs including the pilot.The 4400 are all the disappeared from what has been thought tobe alien abductions. They return on the same day and throughthe dramas, their stories are revealed.The returnees have, in many cases, been enhanced. And theplot lines at this point begin to resemble the X Files. Butinstead of the FBI as the government agency investigating, thistime it's Homeland Security or HomeSec as it is called.I got quite involved in the stories especially that of the7 year old who was disappeared 60 years and is now a precog.This is very sensitively done without all the 'stage presence'of a Dakota Fanning. The kid is just a natural and the directioncompliments that.I haven't mentioned things like War of the Worlds and such(never saw the new King Kong and likely never will) becausethe films lately have been unremarkable.What is remarkable about the 4400 is that it is quite realisticin how HomeSec is portrayed. This is not Ephrem Zimbalist Jr.in the FBI.There is an arrest scene... and this is the real reason for thewrite up ... in which the perp is subdued and the followingdialog takes place:"This is homeland security. You are being arrested asan enemy combatant. You do not have the right to remainsilent, you do not have the right to an attorney."The perp was a bad guy. Bad guys are pretty obvious ontv. What I got from this scene in the drama was a coldblooded chill as to what may be common practice already.And I was glad it was part of the film.The 4400 is supposed to resume its run in the Summer.I'll be curious to see what future seasons have to offer.[cross posted from General forum-- my mistake]