★ALAN'S 2012 PICK LIST★

IF you got cash or vouchers for Christmas, here's a half-dozen DVDs well worth owning to see and see again.

BATMAN: THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (12) Christopher Nolan's third in his Batman trilogy is the best. Christian Bale deservedly holds centre screen.

VERDICT: 10/10

GRABBERS (15) (Sony Pictures Home Entertainment Blu-Ray DVD) Lovers of low-budget sci-fi movies are tastily catered for in this comedy shocker set on an Irish Island.

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE (12)
(Walt Disney Home
Entertainment Blu-Ray/ DVD)
When bad guy Tom
Huddleston attacks the
Earth, Captain America, the
Hulk, Thor and Robert
Downey Jr hit back.

VERDICT: 10/10

PROMETHEUS (15) (20th Century Fox Home Entertainment Blu-ray/DVD) Director Ridley Scott returns in potent style in a brilliant prequel to his classic Alien.

VERDICT: 10/10

SEARCHING FOR SUGARMAN (12) (Studio Canal Blu-ray/DVD)
In South Africa, American-Mexican singer/songwriter Rodriguez was more famous than the Rolling Stones. A true-life documentary.

VERDICT: 8/10

TED (15) (Universal Blu-ray/DVD)
Talking teddy Ted, who could turn the Teddy
Bear's picnic into an orgy, invades Mark Walhberg's romance with Mila Kunis.
Writer/director Seth MacFarlane's film might well crack your ribs.